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Flash floods leave four dead in Uttarakhand

Many feared washed away after water from Kheer Ganga river swept through Dharali in Uttarkashi district; heavy losses of life and property reported; nine Army personnel feared missing

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

At least four persons were killed and dozens feared washed away in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand after flash floods triggered by torrential rain hit the Kheer Ganga river on Tuesday afternoon.

The floods hit hotels and residential buildings in Dharali town, situated 8,600 feet above sea level, where video footage recorded by residents showed giant waves of water gushing through the area and swallowing everything in their way, including people and homes.

Residents were heard yelling warnings to their acquaintances to run for their lives. The entire market area of the popular tourist town was washed away in minutes, leaving the place looking like a sludge-filled river bed.

At least 25 establishments, including hotels, guest houses, and homes were completely destroyed. A rough estimate by the district administration says that around 60-70 people are missing or might be trapped in the area. As many as nine Army personnel are feared missing, said Lieutenant-Colonel Manish Shrivastava, the Army's Public Relations Officer at Dehradun. The Army rescued around 20 people in the first three hours of the rescue operation, he added.

Uttarkashi District Magistrate Prashant Arya said that the floods, which hit the town around 1.45 p.m., had caused heavy losses of life and property.

Sources in the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) in the area said that 32 people were rescued by different teams. As many as 120 people were rescued and given first aid till the time of filing this report.

Blink of an eye: A series of images shows floodwater surging downhill and destroying buildings in Dharali town, located 8,600 feet above sea level, in Uttarakhand, on Tuesday. PTI

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RTC staff call off strike temporarily following High Court directive

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The indefinite strike called by the Joint Action Committee (JAC) of Road Transport Corporation (RTC) employees was postponed on Tuesday evening after being pulled up by the Karnataka High Court.

KSRTC Staff and Workers' Federation president Ananth Subbarao has instructed all employees of the four State-run transport corporations to resume duty immediately, leading to a gradual restoration of bus services by Tuesday night.

The strike, which began at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, had severely impacted bus services across the State, though Bengaluru city remained largely unaffected.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Subbarao clarified that the strike was "postponed, not withdrawn," as a mark of respect to the judiciary. "I have directed all the unions under JAC and employees of the four RTCs to report to work immediately. We will respect the court's direction," he said.

Bengaluru city remained largely unaffected by the strike called by the Joint Action Committee of transport corporation employees. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Hope CM will act: JAC

Despite the High Court's direction on Sunday asking unions to defer the strike for at least a day, the JAC had gone ahead with the protest, citing the failure of repeated negotiations with the State government. A final round of talks with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on August 4 afternoon failed to yield any breakthrough.

Reiterating the union's demands, Mr. Subbarao said, "I now request the government to take the issues seriously and hold talks with us to resolve our long-pending demands."

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After winning the Asians, I am more confident of doing well at the World Championships

Divyanshi will look to sustain the momentum on the big stage in Tokyo later this year and eventually book a berth in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics

R. RAVINDRAN

INTERVIEW

Divyanshi Bhowmick

K. Keerthivasan

Divyanshi Bhowmick is India's finest in her age category, girls' u-15, and second best in u-17. At the International level, the 14-year-old from Mumbai is progressing on the right track to be among the top in the world's charts.

After winning the girls' u-15 crown in the Asian youth championships, she bagged another major title in her fledgling career recently by winning the u-19 girls' title in the WTT Youth Contender in Almaty. In fact, Divyanshi has had an outstanding International season in the youth category in 2025. She has won five WTT titles in the u-19, 17 and 15 categories.

Divyanshi rocked the senior category when she, as a qualifier, outplayed Giorgia Piccolin of Italy, then ranked 64 in the world, in the first round of the WTT Star Contender in Chennai in March this year.

An attacking player on both flanks, Piccolin is a paddler difficult to deal with at the best of times. More so, when a 14-year-old is taking on the Italian.

Armed with a long-pimpled rubber on backhand and regular inverted rubber on forehand, Divyanshi turned the tables on the Paris Olympian with a display that had chops, blocks sprinkled with dollops of aggression on the forehand side. The win was no fluke as she continued to make waves, winning the girls' u-15 singles crown in the Asian youth table tennis championships held in Tashkent (Uzbekistan) from June 26 to July 2, beating three top Chinese players on the way.

Coached by her father Rahul Bhowmick at Kandivali (Mumbai) and Anshuman Roy (in Bengaluru), Divyanshi is keen to play more senior tournaments on the International circuit and focus on playing more events on the domestic front, hoping to break into the world's top 100 (she is 194 now) sooner than later. Her immediate goal is to perform well in the World youth championships in u-15 section to be held in Romania from November 23 to 30.

"After winning the Asians, I am more confident of doing well at the World Championships this year" said Divyanshi.

Excerpts:

How important was the girls' under-15 crown, and how did you prepare for it as the second seed?

I had prepared really well for this tournament. We had an India camp before this tournament in Bengaluru. And over there, all the coaches and the head coach, Massimo Costantini, really helped. And being the second seed, I was hoping to play in the final. And to win gold for India after 36 years was really special for me. B. Bhuvaneshwari, the former India paddler, was the first to do so.

You had beaten three Chinese including Zhu Qihui in the final, how was the feeling?

I was going step by step. In the quarter-final, I was playing against Huize Yang (China). I was confident as I had beaten her earlier. Yes, I had gone with a plan on what to play. I did discuss with my coach and my dad, and executed it. Even the semi-finals was a really tough one, because the last two times I had lost to her (Ziling Liu). I went one step at a time with every Chinese. In the final against Zhu Qihui, I had confidence that I would beat her because I had defeated her earlier also (WTT Youth Contender in Bangkok).

What was the strategy against Zhu?

The match was really tough. I did what we had planned but she forced me to change it. However, I adapted to the situation and I won. Beating one Japanese and three Chinese on the way was really special.

India lost to Japan in the quarterfinals of the team event which was before the individuals. Did the defeat prod you to do well in singles?

In the groups, the whole team played really well. We defeated Saudi Arabia, Singapore and Kyrgyzstan to top the group. But with Japan, seeded third, we couldn't win (losing 1-3).

We (India was seeded fifth) all felt sad after the match because we were expecting that we could win. It was quite a close match. I lost the fourth rubber. I got the extra motivation to win the singles event after the defeat to Japan.

The last two years (2024-25) have been really good. You won the u-15 and u-17 titles in Vadodara and also reached six finals, four semifinals and six quarterfinals in both the sections....

I feel very happy. Right now, I am ranked World No. 3 in the world in girls' u-15. That gives me huge confidence. I want to grow steadily and do well in the tournaments I compete while also enjoying the experience and working on my weaknesses. And after every tournament, of course, I sit with my coaches and my dad to work on the mistakes which I made and try to overcome them in the next tournament.

The last two years have been good. Last year, I missed out on the Asian Championships. And even in the Worlds, I lost in the pre-quarter finals. So, last year, it was okay. But this year, it started really nice with me winning the Asian Championships and doing well on WTT youth tournaments. I have to work harder for the World Championships (to be held in Tokyo) now.

Any special training you took before the Asian youth championships?

Before the Asian Championship we were in the National camp, with head coach Massimo Costantini helping the team. I focused more on my forehand and the need to attack.

Your game revolves around chops and blocks on the backhand and a good attack on the forehand. How do you plan to improve your game awareness further?

Along with the chops and blocks, I need to improve my attack. With the long-pimpled rubber, I do practice the twiddling act (twiddling is switching racquet between the long pimple rubber (backhand) and a regular plain rubber on forehand), allowing one to play more aggressively and making the opponent difficult to read the spin of the ball) like Manika Batra, who is my idol. I am yet to master it (twiddling).

You did create ripples, by beating a top 100 player in Giorgia Piccolin in the first round of the WTT Star Contender in Chennai early this year. Do you plan to play in more senior events?

This year, I am going to try and play more senior events on my own expenses, with the help of my Foundation, Dani Sports.

And of course, in the domestic circuit, try to be in the top 10 or even top eight in the women's category. In the domestic season last year, I just played one or two tournaments in my category. This year I am going to play in all of them.

At 14 years and 8 months, school plays an important part for Indians especially. How do you juggle academics and professional sports?

Studies are important. This year, I have my Std. 10th board exams. So, yes, I am playing my matches and then trying to find time to do online tuition also, because that is mandatory.

What was coach Anshuman Roy's impact on your game?

I've been training with him for the last two years, but I also train in Mumbai with my dad and whenever I have time, I go to Bengaluru. He has really helped me improve, make those changes and improve my backhand and block and everything. Yasashwini (Ghorpade), one of India's top paddlers, also trains with Anshuman sir.

In Mumbai, I train with my dad. I have a robot at my house and many practice partners come to train with me. The robot has been of big use to me. It keeps giving balls at a certain speed, it has helped my consistency.

What has been the most memorable win in your career?

It was winning the silver medal in the 2023 World youth Championship with my partner Jennifer Verghese in girls' u-15 doubles in Slovenia, and it was a historic victory.

And, I became World No. 3 in under-15 singles, I am also now. And the next big moment was winning double gold (clinching the u-15 & u-17 singles title) in the WTT Youth Contender at home (Vadodara) this year.

And even defeating Italy's Giorgia Piccolin in the first round of WTT Star Contender in Chennai this year was a great moment. And then playing four games (3-1) with Shin Yubin, who was seeded fourth in the tournament's second round.

When I look back, I felt good as I was 10-9 up in the fourth game against Shin Yubin, before I lost. It was special, nevertheless. It gave me a lot of experience.

How do you see the future panning out?

I need to work harder, especially this year for the ITTF World Youth Championships to be held in Romania from November 23 to 30. After winning the Asians, I am more confident of doing well at the World Championships u-15 category this year. I want to qualify for the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028.

How much has Manika Batra been an inspiration for you?

She is my idol and I really look up to her game and attitude. I have not got the chance to talk much to her. But by seeing her game, I try to learn as much as I can.

Does Divyanshi have friends in the TT circuit?

Yes, it is Syndrela Das. We are best friends and also play as a pair in doubles.

Divyanshi with her coach Anshuman Roy. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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APPENDIX - IV, (See Rule 8(1)) r/w Sec. 13(4)(a)

Mr.B.Munirama Reddy

Mrs.Bhagyamma

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The borrowers have has failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property owned **Sri.B.Muniramra Reddy S/o Bajjareddy & Smt.Bhagyamma W/o.B.Munirama Reddy** mortgaged to the Bank and is described in schedule herein below, together with all rights to transfer by way of Lease, assignment or sale for realising the above mentioned amount (Secured Asset), in exercise of the powers conferred on them under Section 13(4)(a) of the said Act read with Rule-8 of the said Rules on this **5th day of August 2025.**

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It is represented to the Undersigned that **Sri. Sidharth Tambe S/o Sri. Satish Nagarjun Tambe, aged about 46 years,** residing at No. K-643, Brigade Cosmopolis, 286, Whitefield, Ramagondanahalli, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560066, has lost/misplaced the original Rectification Deed dated 07/07/2017 executed M/s Brigade Properties Pvt. Ltd represented by **Ms. Parijatha. A. N & Mr. Udaya Kumar. A,** in favour of Sri. Sidharth Tambe & Nikita Tambe, registered as Document bearing No. INR-1-03175-2017-18, in the Office of Sub Registrar, Indiranagar, Bangalore, pertaining to Apartment No. K-643, on the sixth floor of Block 'K' in the project 'BRIGADE COSMOPOLIS' and Apartment measuring 1320 sq. ft., of super built-up area situated at **Whitefield village, K.R. Puram, Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk.** After his best efforts to search he could not trace the same. In this regard, our client has registered Lost Report bearing No. 1737453/2025, dated 05/08/2025, before Karnataka State Police.

It is further represented that he has not mortgaged, created any lien or encumbered the aforesaid property in any manner or pledged the original as security to any loans/borrowings. Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid original documents shall return the same to the Undersigned or lodge their claims with documentary evidence within **seven (7) days** from the date of this notice.

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Contact No. 7411531524
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BANGALORE, DATED: 05-08-2025
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Office of the Chief Engineer, Arogya Soudha, 3rd floor, Leprosy Hospital Premises, 1st Cross, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560 023, Telephone No.080-29557023 E-mail:cekhsdrp@gmail.com

No:HFWD/EW/CE/TA-2/AE-4&8/TND/2025-26/1495 Date: 02.08.2025

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (2ND CALL)

The Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites Tender for Appointment of Consultants for Preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings** in two Cover Tender document system in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform for the following works:

Sl. No.	Description of works	Approx. Service Estimate cost (Rs. In Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. In Lakhs)
1	Consultancy Services for Preparation of **DPR**, **Architectural**, **Structural and other services Drawings** for the (1) Upgradation of PHC to CHC at **Alnavara** in Dharwad District, (2) Upgradation of PHC to CHC at Annegeri in Dharwad District, (3) Upgradation of PHC to CHC at **Babaleshwara** in Vijayapura District, (4) Upgradation of PHC to CHC at **Kolhara** in Vijayapura District, & (5) Upgradation of PHC to CHC at **Teradala** in Bagalkote District. (Call-2)	33.90	0.68
2	Consultancy Services for Preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings** for the work (1) Construction of 100 bedded Taluk Level Hospital **at Savanuru** in Haveri District. (2) Construction of 100 bedded Taluk Level Hospital **at Ramadurga** in Belagavi District & (3) Construction of 100 bedded Taluk Level Hospital at **Savadatthi** in Belagavi District. (Call-2)	49.50	0.99

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **11.08.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) : **12.08.2025 at 16.01 hrs.**

The tender details can be downloaded from the KPP portal platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and tender processing fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the KPP platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: (1) All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids / individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. **(2)** Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on KPP portal.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: CAO/CN/BNC/130/2025
Dated 22.07.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Construction of a new broad gauge railway line between Maluguru (Chainage (-) 1906.6 (Ch: 108125 of Yelahanka-Penukonda)) to Palasamudram (Chainage 17/150) including 02 new yards (Chalivendala & Palasamudram) and Existing Maluguru Yard modification with a route length of 19.057 km including Signal & Telecommunication, Electrification & Electrical General Service works. **(Tender Ref. No. MLU-PALASAMUDRAM-EPC01-R1)**	**Rs. 296,21,09,528**

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 24.09.2025

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction/ Works/Bengaluru Cantt.
PUB/350/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

E-Tender Notice 2025-26
Re-Tender Notice

E-Tender in B-1 form for the following Work Invited by Administrator, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Municipal Corporation, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (Phone No. 0240-2333536-40) from Government Registered Contractors/Companies/ Firms of Appropriate Category.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount Rs.
01	Construction of Strom Water Drain in Harsul area under Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Municipal Corporation	17,85,68,156/-

Details regarding the tender for the said works will be available on http://mahatenders.gov.in from dt. 30/07/2025, Administrator, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Municipal Corporation, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar reserve all the rights to reject/ cancel any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (Drainage)
Municipal Corporation,
Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: CAO/CN/BNC/128/2025
Dated 21.07.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Request for Proposal (RFP) for Development of Vande Bharat Sleeper Trains Maintenance Depot at Thanisandra (THSA) between Channasandra and Yelahanka Stations, Karnataka on Engineering Construction and Procurement (EPC) mode. **(Tender Ref. No.: VANDEBHARAT-THANISANDRA)**	**Rs. 227,94,75,676**

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 21.11.2025

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction/ Works/Bengaluru Cantt.
PUB/349/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: CAO/CN/BNC/131/2025
Dated 24.07.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Construction of new broad gauge line between mid section (km: 5.72) and Kuppam (incl.) (km: 23.869) under Marikuppam - Kuppam new line project (23.7 km) including civil & track works, signal & telecommunication works, railway electrification and electrical general services on EPC mode. **(Tender Ref. No. MKM-KPN-EPC-02)**	**Rs. 354,84,42,876**

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 26.09.2025

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction/ Works/Bengaluru Cantt.
PUB/351/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA-JAJPUR
AT-CHANDIKHOL, PO-SUNGUDA, JAJPUR-754296, Email-serw_kpd@yahoo.com

No:- Tender Online RCK - 12/25 Letter No.- 2406 Date:- 01/08/25

e - Procurement NOTICE

1. **Name of the Work** : **Tender for the Road works under (Impvt. to Existing & MMSY-TRIP) in the Dist. of Kendrapara & Jajpur.**
2. **Class of Contractor** : As specified in the **Column-6 of the Annexure.**
3. **Time of Completion** : As Specified in the **Column - 7 of the Annexure.**
4. **Detail Projects** : **As per Annexure attached**
5. **Other Details** :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Date & Time of opening of tender Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur	**Tender Online RCK- 12/25**	**11.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M.**	**02.09.2025 To 05.00 P.M.**	**01.09.2025 up to 02.00 P.M.**	**03.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M.**	**Will be intimated later**

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur

O-541: OIPR-25129/11/0056/2526

Governament of Karnataka
HASSAN INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, HASSAN
(An Autonomous Institute under the Dept of Medical Education, Government of Karnataka)
SRI CHAMARAJENDRA HOSPITAL CAMPUS, HASSAN Website: www.hims-hassan.org
Phone/Fax No.08172-231699, 231599, Email:directorhims@yahoo.com

E-Tender Notice

Sl. No	Tender Notification No & Date	Details	Schedule	Aproximate cost	EMD Cost
01	HIMS/PHS/PUR(TDR)/3/2025	Purchase of (Miscellaneous, Suturews & INfusions) for HIMS Teaching Hospital, Hassan	Commencement date for Uploading of tenders 06.08.2025 Last date for uploading a06.09.2025	493.47 Lakhs	02.00 Lakhs

Tender details can be viewed , downloaded and applied only through the e-procurement mode only at: kppp.karnataka.gov.in For further details contact office during working hours.

Sd/- Chief Administrative Officer, Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences, Hassan.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client intends to purchase the schedule property. Any person objecting to the proposed sale of the Schedule Property is called upon to submit to us the details of such objections, in writing, together with copies of supporting documents, within a period of **7 days** from the publication of this Notice. If no objections are received by us within the above said period, our client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property and neither will any objections thereto be entertained by our client thereafter nor will such objections, if any, be considered tenable against the Schedule Property.

Schedule Property

The residential Site bearing **No.26,** bearing **Panchayath Katha No.143/26 Property I.D. No.150200302002500142 (located at Nelaguli Grama Panchayath),** formed in residential layout called **"FOREST FLOWER ENCLAVE"** in the land bearing Survey Nos.112 situated at Ravugodlu Village, Uttarahalli - 3 Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring to an extent of **500.74 Sq. Mtrs (5,390 Sq. Ft.),** and bounded as follows:-

On the East by : Private Road,
West by : Rinny Eapen's Property,
North by : SiteNo. 27,
South by : Southern Half Portion of Site No. 26.

Roopa. R (Advocate), 110/2, 1st Floor, Krishnappa Layout, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore-560 027.
Phone No. 9632414310.
Date – 06-08-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Sri. NETTAM RAMAKRISHNA, S/o. Sri. Chalapathi.N,** Aged About 50 years, residing at: Flat No.405, Site No. 13/1A, Siri Saketh Apartment, 2nd Cross, Panduranga layout, Ramanjaneya nagar, Chikkallasandra, Bengaluru.

Any person/banking institutions/company, etc., has got any sort of legal right, claim, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said sale transaction, shall approach the under mentioned Advocate within **7 days** from this day, with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with the terms of the agreement to sell considering there is no objection to the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing **Sy. No. 59/4 (old Sy No.59/1),** converted vide application No.767061 dt: 19/06/2025, and measuring 0-08 (Eight) guntas of land along with 0-0.08 guntas of kharab land attached thereto, Situated at **Manchanayakanahalli Village, Bidadi-2 Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk, Bengaluru South District,** AND BOUNDED ON:

East by : Government road and land in Sy No. 16.
West by : Property bearing Sy. No. 59/1.
North by : Property bearing Sy. No. 59/1.
South by : Property bearing Sy. No. 59/5

N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
48/1, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Opp: Canara Bank, Vallabha Nagar, Uttarahalli Main Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-61. Ph No. 9343094442, 080-41628629

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Schedule Property

The residential Site bearing **No.26,** bearing **Panchayath Katha No.144/26 (Portion) Property I.D. No.150200302002500143 (located at Nelaguli Grama Panchayath),** formed in residential layout called **"FOREST FLOWER ENCLAVE"** in the land bearing Survey Nos.112 situated at Ravugodlu Village, Uttarahalli - 3 Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring to an extent of **500.75 Sq. Mtrs (5,390 Sq. Ft.),** and bounded as follows:-

On the East by : Private Road,
West by : Rinny Eapen's Property,
North by : Northern Half Portion of Site No. 26,
South by : Site No. 25.

Roopa. R (Advocate), 110/2, 1st Floor, Krishnappa Layout, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore-560 027.
Phone No. 9632414310.
Date – 06-08-2025

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On the East by : Private Road,
West by : Rinny Eapen's Property,
North by : SiteNo. 27,
South by : Southern Half Portion of Site No. 26.

Roopa. R (Advocate), 110/2, 1st Floor, Krishnappa Layout, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore-560 027.
Phone No. 9632414310.
Date – 06-08-2025

(An Autonomous Institute of Government of Karnataka)
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE, BENGALURU.

No:SABVMCRI/E-TENDER/FETAL/05/2025-26, Date:05.08.2025

Tender Notification

e-Tenders is invited from interested eligible firms in accordance with KTPP Act for Supply And Installation of Smart Newborn & Maternal Monitoring Solution for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, GHSIS Gosha, Hospitals Bengaluru coming under SABVMCRI.

1) The starting date for uploading tender : **05.08.2025** onwards. **2)** The last date for clarifications on tender : **13.08.2025, upto 5.30 P M. 3)** The last date for uploading the tender : **28.08.2025 upto 5.30 P M. 4)** Opening of Tenders (Single Cover) : **30.08.2025 at 11.00 A M.**

For more details pertaining to this tender, contact the Director and Dean/ Assistant Administrator of the Institute during office hours.

Sd/- Director and Dean, SABVMCRI Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/2207/Zen/2025-26

Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground water Development, Division, Shimoga.

SECTION 1-INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS KW-3

Dated:02.08.2025 IFT No.: 12/2025-26

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground water Development Division, Shivamogga invites tenders in Standard Bid Document KW-3 through kpp-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz.,http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from eligible contractors for 1 work coming under M.I sub-division Tarikere. amounting from Rs. 80.61 lakhs. Period of downloading tender documents from e-procurement portal: From 04.08.2025 to 11.08.2025 upto 17:00hrs. Tender opening date at 17:30 hrs on 12.08.2025. Any other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website @ http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in are final.

Sd/- Executive Engineer M.I & G.W.D. Division, Shimoga.

DIPR/smg/KSMCA/25-26/25/08/701

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of Uttar Pradesh Undertaking)
GSTIN: 09AACCU2250P1ZZ; CIN: U85310UP2018SGC102425

Tender Ref. No.: GEM/2025/B/6484915 Date: 01-08-2025

Tender Notice Invitation

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited, Lucknow invites tenders on GeM Portal from eligible and qualified Manufacturer/ Importer/ Authorized Agent for supply of **Semi Automated Coagulation Analyzer.** The schedules of Tendering activities are as here under:

S.N.	Activity	Date & Time
1.	Tender Reference No.	GEM/2025/B/6484915
2.	Commencement of Downloading of Tender Document	01-08-2025
3.	Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	11/08/2025 at 4:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.
4.	Last Date & Submission of Online Bids	22/08/2025 up to 05:00 PM.
5.	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids	22/08/2025 at 05:30 PM
6.	Date of Completion of Examination of Technical Bid	To be declared on GeM Portal
7.	Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bid	To be declared on GeM Portal
8.	Date of Completion of Examination of Financial Bid	To be declared on GeM Portal

The details of tender notice are given on GeM Portal & UPMSCL website www.upmsc.in. Kindly check GeM Portal & UPMSCL website for any detail & updates.

Managing Director, UPMSCL

Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Joint Director, Animal Husbandry
N. R. Square, Bangalore 560002

No. JD (AH)/PR-279/2025-26 Date: 05-08-2025

Tender Notification

The Joint Director Animal Husbandry, BBMP (Purchaser) BBMP invites EOI Proposals under Procurement (two cover system) Tender for IMPLEMENTING MASS DOG VACCINATION (MDV)-ARV COMBINED VACCINE & MICROCHIPPING FOR STRAY DOGS in MAHADEVAPURA ZONE OF BBMP for 2 PACKAGES on outsourced basis for the financial year 2025-26.

Following is the Events of Tender process.

1) EOI Reference Number: **BBMP/2025-26/SE1659.** 2) Date of Commencement of Download of EOI Document from Karnataka public Procurement portal website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in : **From 05/08/2025.** 3) Tender Inviting Authority: **Joint Director (Animal Husbandry), BBMP.** 4) Tender Accepting Authority : **Chief Commissioner, BBMP.** 5) Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries in Karnataka public Procurement portal : **up to 08/08/2025, 5:00pm.** 6) Date and Time of Pre-bid Meeting : **08/08/2025 11:00AM at the following venue: Office of the special commissioner health, 3rd floor, Annex-3, N.R. Square, Bangalore-02.** 7) Last Date and Time for uploading of EOT in Karnataka public Procurement portal: **13/08/2025 5:00pm.** 8) Date and Time of Opening of EOI in Karnataka public Procurement portal : **14/08/2025 5:10 pm.** 9) Place of Opening of EOI : **Online at Karnataka public Procurement portal.** 10) Address for Communication : **Joint Director (Animal Husbandry), N.R.Square, Bangalore-02. Phone: 9480685949, Email: jointdirectorahbbmp02@gmail.com.**

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the web site http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. 2) Other details can he seen in the tender documents. 3) Only Online Queries through Karnataka public Procurment portal will be accepted. Queries sent through letters, emails or any other mode will not be entertained.

Sd/- Joint Director (Animal Husbandry)

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-40/646/2025-26 Date: 05.08.2025

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tenders under two cover system are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors (Electrical) registered in KCEI who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following works as per the schedule given below:

Name of the Works : (1) Repair & Servicing of 300HP Motor Pump & 750KVA DG Set & Servicing of Transformer at Nerale gate & Golur Jackwell Pumphouse, Mysuru Zone. (2nd Call) (Reserved for Others). **(2)** Repair & Servicing of electrical equipments at Gurupura Jackwell Pumphouse & Kandur Pumphouse & Providing additional 1 No of pumpset to intermediate pumping station Mittakodi, Mangaluru Zone. (2nd Call). (Reserved for CAT-II(A)).

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **19.08.2025** upto **4.00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/2206/Zen/2025-26

D.K. Shivakumar

Another 1.5-km tunnel between Nagavara and UASB in plans

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday revealed plans to construct a new tunnel spanning 1.5 km connecting Nagavara and the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru.

"We are planning a new tunnel from Nagavara to Esteem Mall to agricultural university. This would be a 1.5-km tunnel, and it is different from the larger tunnel road being planned," the Deputy CM added.

Mr. Shivakumar made this announcement during his inspection of the new Hebbal flyover loop, which will facilitate vehicles travelling from the K.R. Puram side to the city centre. The loop will be opened before August 15, the Deputy CM said.

"We will throw it open to the public before August 15 after taking Chief Minister's availability into consideration," he said.

"The K.R. Puram-City loop will be opened now and the Airport service road-City loop will be opened a little later," Mr. Shivakumar said.

The Hebbal flyover loop project was initiated to decongest the Hebbal flyover and eliminate the major traffic bottleneck that significantly affected vehicles, particularly those coming from the airport towards the city.

The project was taken up in 2024 by the Bangalore Development Authority, with an initial deadline set for October 2024.

However, the deadline has been repeatedly postponed due to multiple reasons, including delays in obtaining permissions from various authorities and on-ground implementation challenges.

Yellow Line metro belongs to people, not to any political party or govt. alone: DKS

Dy. CM conducts an inspection of the stretch; says it is a joint partnership between the State and Union governments; asks the Opposition to not make it a subject of "credit politics"

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar taking a ride on the Yellow Line of Namma Metro in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday emphasised that the Bengaluru Metro project is a collaborative effort between the Union and State governments, and asked the Opposition to not make it a subject of "credit politics".

His comments came after he conducted an inspection of the Yellow Line Metro ahead of its inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, scheduled for August 10.

Speaking to reporters after his inspection of the 19.15-km Yellow Line corridor, Mr. Shivakumar stressed that the project belonged to the people of the city, not to any political party or government alone.

"The metro project is not solely a Union government initiative. It is a joint partnership between the State and Union governments. The focus here is on serving the people, not credit politics," he said.

Responding to questions about who initiated the metro's inauguration, Mr. Shivakumar clarified, "The Chief Minister and I had requested the Prime Minister to inaugurate it. He has now given time. This is not just a Union government project, both governments have a 50:50 partnership. If they have a chairman on their side, we have a managing director on ours. No one has exclusive authority here."

The Yellow Line, connecting R.V. Road to Bommasandra, has been constructed at a cost of ₹7,610 crore and features 16 stations.

"A small, simple function will be held at the IIMB auditorium that day. The Prime Minister, Chief Minister, and MLAs will travel by Metro during the event," Mr. Shivakumar said.

He added that the State will also submit a request to the Prime Minister for additional funds required for land acquisition for the proposed double-decker flyover project.

Taking a dig at BJP MPs, the Deputy Chief Minister said, "If the MPs who are now creating a ruckus help get some funds sanctioned, it would be great for Bengaluru. Not a single one of them is talking about funding. They only point out faults." He said the State is planning to integrate double-decker flyovers wherever Metro lines are built, and that both BBMP and BMRCL will work jointly on land acquisition and compensation.

Slams Tejasvi Surya

He also took a swipe at MP for Bengaluru South Tejasvi Surya, who had been protesting against the State government to open the Yellow Line at the earliest, saying, "He is a young man in a hurry, but he lacks experience. These projects cannot be rushed," he said.

Mr. Shivakumar informed that three trains have already arrived for the Yellow Line, with the fourth expected in August. "It takes about a week to begin operations after a train arrives. Initially, three trains will run at 25-minute intervals. As more trains arrive, frequency will increase to 20 minutes and eventually to 10 minutes."

To address parking concerns, Mr. Shivakumar said the Metro authority has been directed to acquire an additional three to four acres near each station. "They can build commercial spaces above and parking below," he added.

Fort of flowers

flower show: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the 218th Lalbagh Flower Show in Bengaluru on August 7. The event that marks Independence day is themed around 'Veera Rani Kittur Chennamma and Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna'. K. MURALI KUMAR

BBMP pins hopes on climate clubs despite slow start

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Climate Action Clubs (BCAC) initiative, launched by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), began with a flyer campaign that saw the registration of over 700 educational institutions. However, the programme has struggled to sustain the interest of these institutions.

Launched on June 6 by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar to mark World Environment Day, the initiative is aimed at establishing climate action clubs in schools and colleges across the city, engaging students in sustainability efforts. Its primary focus is to instill environmental responsibility among children through activities and challenges related to climate issues.

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As of Tuesday, 754 clubs have been formed across educational institutions, but only 117 are actively functioning, according to BCAC data.

This is an improvement from the first week of July, when only 70 clubs were active. Of those, representatives from 50 clubs participated in a meeting held on July 2.

Suraj S.K., a local climate action and civic engagement fellow working on the project, remains optimistic that participation will grow as the initiative expands to more institutions. Several activities are planned to strengthen the clubs and support their effective implementation.

The BCAC operates under seven broad sectors outlined in the Bengaluru Climate Action Plan (BCAP), with each sector focusing on a different aspect of the climate crisis. These include waste management, energy, green planning, transportation, air quality, water, and disaster management.

Within these categories, clubs are expected to identify specific problems and devise action plans to tackle them. For example, under the energy category, a club might set a goal to reduce electricity bills by identifying areas of excessive power use and creating a plan to curb wasteful energy consumption. Implementing such plans would directly address climate-related challenges.

According to Mr. Suraj, similarly, each category offers various opportunities to identify issues and formulate solutions, which is the core idea behind BCAC.

"When we look at it individually, the reduction in a school's power consumption may seem marginal. But if thousands of schools implement the same measures, the overall energy savings could be significant," Mr. Suraj explained.

For now, the clubs have been asked to focus on just four sectors: energy, water, greening, and waste management. "Greening" involves using unused land within school campuses to plant saplings and increase green cover.

BBMP officials believe the programme will gain momentum once active clubs begin implementing their action plans and contributing to change. While participation is entirely voluntary, the BCAC plans to encourage involvement by recognising and awarding clubs that successfully implement their initiatives.

Institutions such as MES Prof. B.R. Subba Rao College, Cambridge School, and BGS PU College currently have active climate action clubs.

Customs officials unearth international smuggling racket, seize 30 star tortoises

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The air intelligence unit of the Customs Department busted an international smuggling racket and arrested a 29-year-old mule trying to smuggle Indian star tortoises from Bengaluru to Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), concealed in check-in bags.

The scanning staff at the Bengaluru airport noticed a movement in a bag and alerted officials, who, in turn, checked three bags carried by Ashik Ali Shahul Hameed from Sivaganga in Tamil Nadu. The bags contained 30 star tortoises and tobacco products. Tobacco products are banned in Malaysia.

The accused had used adhesive tapes in an attempt to restrict leg movement of the tortoises, and concealed the animals in socks, hidden between tobacco pouches.

Sources said he had procured the consignment from Chickballapur, received them at Kalasipalya bus stand, before heading to the airport.

'Well-organised racket'

"It is a well organised racket. Star tortoises are hunted in the Eastern Ghats and brought to Chickballapur from where they are dispatched to different destinations," said a police source.

The initial probe revealed that Hameed is a habitual offender who had worked as mule in similar offences earlier. The rescued tortoises have been handed over to the Forest Department for rehabilitation. Officials said that while animals being smuggled via Bengaluru is common, this is a rare instance of animals being smuggled abroad. It is the second such instance in the last 15 years, sources said.

They have alerted other airports, since there is a possibility of such activities being carried out through other routes.

Eyeing aspiring farmers, agriculture varsity to launch paid consultancy service

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

The university has already received requests from close to 20 persons for consultancy services. FILE PHOTO

Here is some good news for urbanites who are keen to take up farming, but do not have the expertise and experience to venture into it. With a focus on week-end farmers and those who are new to farming, the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru (UAS-B) is set to introduce paid consultancy services.

"The university's experts and scientists will provide a cropping system plan for farmers depending upon the size and nature of their fields, as well as their requirements and investment potential. We are going to prescribe a fee for preparing such a plan," says UAS-B Vice-chancellor S.V. Suresha.

"If necessary, experts would visit the field. It will be similar to architects preparing a building plan and visiting the site where certain amount of money would be charged for each visit," Dr. Suresha told *The Hindu*.

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The university came up with the idea following feedback from the monthly *santhe*s (shandies) being organised on its GKVK campus in Bengaluru where innovative farmers and farmers' organisations are allowed to sell their produce on the fourth Saturday of every month.

"The consumers, who visit the *santhe*s, also comprise IT and corporate employees, and other professionals from urban areas who have either recently bought farm land, or want to become farmers. Some of them are week-end farmers. They contacted us during the *santhe*s and wanted to know if we can help them," explained the Vice-Chancellor.

"They are not traditional farmers who just want technical guidance. These are people who do not have hands-on experience. Hence, we thought of introducing paid consultancy services."

The university has already received requests from close to 20 persons for consultancy services. "We are classifying their requirements and, accordingly, will assign relevant experts. To begin with, we are going to set up a consultancy desk at the university within a month for people to contact us online. They can submit relevant details about their land's maps, nature and their requirements," he said.

In five districts

The service will be for offered in Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru South (formerly Ramanagara), Chickballapur, and Kolar districts.

The Vice-Chancellor is optimistic that the service would spur innovation in farming, particularly marketing, as such urban professionals are good in building a brand for their produce through online platforms. The university is keen to promote organic farming methods through them.

A lot of urbanites, who took to farming during COVID days, are not active in agriculture now, Dr. Suresha pointed out, and hoped that the new service would help rekindle interest.

BBMP bans PoP Ganesha idols, plans over 40 immersion sites

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has stepped up efforts to promote environmentally friendly celebrations of Gauri Ganesha festival by banning the use of Plaster of Paris (PoP) idols within city limits.

At a preparatory meeting held in Malleswaram, BBMP Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao instructed officials to take strict action against the manufacture and sale of PoP idols.

The BBMP will facilitate immersion at over 40 lakes and several designated immersion tanks across the city. Mr. Rao directed the officials to ensure safety arrangements at all sites, including barricading, lighting, trained swimmers, cranes, sanitation workers, and transport vehicles for waste management.

In addition, temporary mobile immersion tanks will be set up at key locations and major junctions in each ward.

A single-window clearance system will be implemented across 75 BBMP sub-divisions as an effort to streamline the permission process. This system will involve coordination between BBMP, police, Bescom, and Fire and Emergency Services to expedite approvals.

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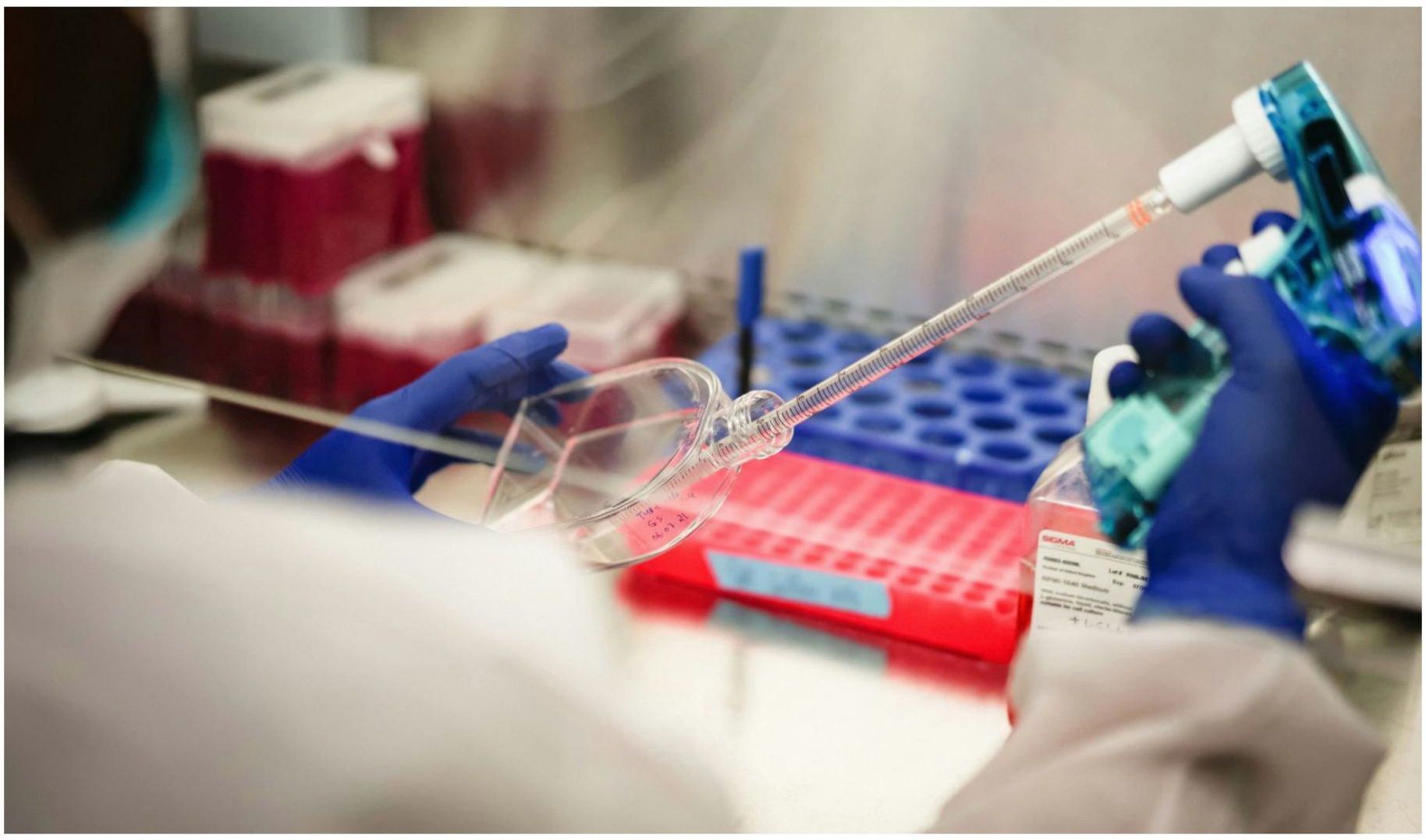

While all of science is susceptible, the extent of infiltration of organised fraudulent publishing was found to be uneven across subfields. NIAID

'Defect to win': science is set to be overwhelmed by fraud papers

Without independent, coordinated, and better-funded systems to detect, investigate, and punish misconduct, science risks being shaped by those who see bad-faith behaviour as the most rational path forward, according to a major study that drew on multiple data sources and analytic tools

Vasudevan Mukunth

A meticulous new study published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* on August 4 has warned that systematic scientific fraud is no longer a fringe concern but a pervasive, organised, and rapidly growing threat that jeopardises the foundations of research worldwide. The study has revealed a fine-grained break-up of the actors, methods, and scale behind industrialised academic misconduct.

Drawing on a trove of bibliometric and forensic data, the team – from Northwestern University and the NSF-Simons National Institute for Theory and Mathematics in Biology, both in the US, and the University of Sydney in Australia – has revealed how coordinated entities like paper mills, brokerage firms, compliant editors, and unscrupulous journals work together to mass-produce fraudulent research.

In a personal blog post about the effort, Reese Richardson, the study's lead author and a postdoctoral fellow at the Amaral Lab at Northwestern University, wrote, "The scientific enterprise is now witness to widespread, organised defection from the scientific public goods game. Large swaths of players, among them many scientists, reviewers, editors, and publishers, are choosing to no longer make genuine contributions to the pot."

A public goods game

The team framed its analysis using game theory, likening science to a sprawling public goods game in which progress is driven by collaboration, trust, and mutual investment. In the study's framework, in exchange for generating knowledge and training the next generation, scientists receive societal rewards like funding and career advancement. However, as the size and complexity of science have both ballooned, so too have the incentives and opportunities to defect.

"While there has always been some concern that these pressures may compel some to defect from the scientific research ethos ... the focus has largely been on the actions of lone individuals," the team wrote in its paper. "Recently, however, reports of coordinated scientific fraud activities have increased."

Richardson wrote that 'defection' was defined as "the act of choosing to contribute less than other players despite having the means to contribute."

He added that in repeated public goods games simulated in the laboratory, players understand over time that defecting yields the greater advantage, leading to them contributing less and less to the collective pool. And although there is usually a group of players that cooperate to play the game in good faith, most players gradually lower their input. As a result, the total benefits from the pool dwindle while the number of defectors rises.

The paper also rationalised the use of the game theoretic framework as a means to analyse research misconduct as an organised activity rather than as errors committed by specific individuals: "Unethical behaviour in science is often viewed as a character failure of an individual, not something perpetrated, enabled, and promoted by a cohort of individuals and entities. Indeed, even the definition of a now standard term such as 'paper mill' remains nebulous. Some of the organisations we describe may be better characterised as 'brokerages' than paper mills. We also cannot ascertain where our observations are due to the involvement of commercial paper mills or where they arise as a result of less formal peer networks operating on a noncommercial basis (as could be the case among some of the editors we flag)."

The authors added that the framework is also useful "because it frames some behaviour not in ethical terms but in terms of rationality. ... For many junior doctors and budding scientists, engaging in defecting behavior may be the new norm."

At the heart of this breakdown is the modern system of academic incentives. Funding and recognition increasingly hinge on quantitative proxies like publication and citation counts, *h*-indices, and journal impact factors, all of which can be artificially inflated.

Architecture of fraud

For their analysis, the team members used multiple data sources and analytic tools. Their sources included journal and article metadata from Clarivate's Web of Science, Elsevier's Scopus, PubMed/MEDLINE, and the OpenAlex databases – spanning several thousand journals and millions of articles – as well as lists of deindexed journals from the major indexing services and early-warning lists from Chinese oversight authorities. They combined this with data about retracted papers from the Retraction Watch database; metadata and content from PubPeer, a post-publication critique platform; and programmatic analyses of publisher data, notably from *PLOS ONE* and Hindawi, both of which label each article with its handling editor.

Upon analysis, the team found that certain editors at large journals, such as *PLOS ONE* and the stable of Hindawi journals, consistently handled disproportionately many articles that were eventually retracted or which received critical comments on PubPeer.

Using probabilistic modelling and statistical controls, the team could identify individuals whose pattern of acceptance couldn't be explained by chance. These editors, many of whom also published each other's work, formed tightly-knit clusters that, despite making up less than 1% of all editors, were implicated in most problematic articles at their journals.

One particular insight was that the fraud ecosystem has become resilient and adaptable. For example, as the paper put it, organisations such as the Academic Research and Development Association (ARDA) in India don't only write and submit papers on behalf of clients but actively "journal hopped," shifting its business to new journals as soon as existing venues were deindexed or scrutiny of its activities increased.

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The team wrote that between 2018 and 2024, ARDA's roster of guaranteed publication venues ballooned from 14 to more than 86 journals, including obscure or hijacked periodicals as well as journals indexed in Scopus, Web of Science, and MEDLINE. They added that the journals listed by ARDA have also been deindexed at rates vastly exceeding the baseline, often in apparent response to exposure events – although the deindexing also occurred too slowly to offset the tide of fraudulent output.

Evidence from journal archives has indicated that most articles published through ARDA's network are beyond scope, with a significant share also representing improbable international collaborations. For example, the researchers found that of the five journals they comprehensively inspected from ARDA's offerings, 10.1% of publications had authors from different countries; they also spotted a paper about roasting hazelnuts appearing in a journal about HIV/AIDS care. The team interpreted this to mean ARDA was selling papers' authorships to the highest bidders.

Sobering numbers

An important plank of the analysis is the team's construction of networks based on image duplication, which has become a hallmark of fabricated science. The researchers identified large clusters of articles published in the same journal, in the same year, and by the same publishers, all connected through shared or manipulated images. They were able to use statistical methods to show that this was not a random occurrence: instead, the numbers are consistent with mass production and coordinated placement.

While all of science is susceptible, the extent of infiltration seems to be uneven. By comparing closely related subfields in RNA biology, Richardson et al. found that while error rates were similar across disparate new and expanding fields, the retraction rates differed dramatically. Subfields with formulaic, template-driven research, such as lncRNAs, miRNAs, and cancer, had retraction rates peaking at 4%, which significantly exceeded what the researchers said can be expected from honest error.

Perhaps the most sobering data exposed a mismatch between the scale of fraudulent output and the integrity of the mechanisms designed to address it. The corpus of suspected paper mill products has been doubling every 1.5 years, which the team has estimated is 10x faster than legitimate scientific publishing and far outpacing the growth of both retracted and flagged articles.

Even aggressive measures such as deindexing journals have been dwarfed by the sheer volume of compromised outlets. For example, fewer than 100 journals have been deindexed every year whereas there have been tens of thousands of journals and a staggering number of suspect publications.

According to the paper, "In response to concerns about editorial practices, [a few bibliometric aggregators] can deindex a journal. Web of Science and Scopus deindex on the order of a hundred journals each annually. While this may appear to be a large number, it is ten-fold smaller than the number of journals that publish paper mill products."

"Extrapolating from current trends," the paper added, "we estimate that only around 25% of suspected paper mill products will ever be retracted and that only around 10% of suspected paper mill products will ever reside in a deindexed journal."

The winning strategy

The researchers also acknowledged some important limitations of their work. Foremost was that scientific fraud is by nature clandestine and even comprehensive data is not likely to accurately estimate its full scale. The patterns of detection and exposure are themselves biased by resources, attention, and field-specific vulnerabilities. Even so, the team wrote, the aggregate evidence "shows that the integrity of the extant scientific record and of future science is being undermined through the shortcomings in the very systems through which scientists infer the trustworthiness of each other's work."

The study and its accompanying reflections constitute both an urgent warning and a call for collective action within the scientific community. Industrialised scientific fraud is no longer a marginal concern, nor is it adequately deterred by current measures. Instead, the researchers have revealed a resilient ecosystem of actors who have been incentivised to defect repeatedly, by exploiting the metrics and weaknesses of the current system at the expense of honest research and scientific progress.

"These networks are essentially criminal organisations, acting together to fake the process of science," the study's senior author and Northwestern University professor of engineering sciences and applied mathematics Luís A. Nunes Amaral said in a statement. "Millions of dollars are involved in these processes."

Without coordinated, better-resourced, and systematically independent approaches to detect, investigate, and sanction misconduct, the study's findings suggest that the future of science is at risk of being shaped by those for whom defection is the rational way to go.

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Heat haze is visible as pedestrians cross a railroad on a hot day in Tokyo on August 5, 2025. AFP

Japan sets temperature record, worries mount over rice crops

Agence France Presse

Japan logged a new heat record on August 5, with the mercury hitting 41.8 C, the weather office said, warning temperatures may rise further still.

Temperatures the world over have soared in recent years as climate change creates ever more erratic weather patterns, and Japan is no exception.

The scorching temperature in the city of Isesaki on Tuesday surpassed the previous record seen in the western Hyogo region of 41.2° C only last week.

Tokyo has also been struggling with extreme heat.

"I'm really concerned about global warming, but when it comes to my daily life, I can't live without turning on the air conditioner," office worker Mayomi Saito said.

"I don't really know what I should be doing, I'm just desperately getting through each day."

Japan's summer last year was the joint hottest on record, equalling the level seen in 2023, followed by the warmest autumn since records began 126 years ago.

Last week in tourist hotspot Kyoto the mercury hit 40° C, the first time any of its observation points – the oldest opened in 1880, the newest in 2002 – had seen such a high, authorities said.

In Japan some dams and paddies nationwide are experiencing a water shortage, with farmers complaining that the sizzling heat combined with the lack of rain is slowing rice cultivation

Experts warn Japan's beloved cherry trees are blooming earlier due to the warmer climate – or sometimes not fully blossoming – because autumns and winters are not cold enough to trigger flowering.

The famous snowcap of Mount Fuji was absent for the longest recorded period last year, not appearing until early November, compared with the average of early October.

July was also the hottest since records began in 1898, the weather agency said Friday, with the average monthly temperature 2.89° C above the 1991-2020 average.

Blistering heatwaves have also hit other parts of Asia this summer, from South Korea to Vietnam, as well as Europe.

South Korea saw its second-hottest July, with an average temperature of 27.1° C, according the meteorological office, which has been collecting such data since 1973.

The hottest July on record in South Korea was in 1994, when the average temperature reached 27.7° C.

In northern Vietnam, 17 places across seven provinces reported record highs for the month of August, with electricity demand spiking as people try to stay cool, authorities said Tuesday.

The capital Hanoi experienced its first ever August day above 40° C on Monday.

In Japan some dams and paddies nationwide are experiencing a water shortage, with farmers complaining that the sizzling heat combined with the lack of rain is slowing rice cultivation.

Precipitation in July was low over wide areas of Japan, with northern regions facing the Sea of Japan experiencing record low rainfall, it added.

The rainy season ended about three weeks earlier than usual in western regions of Japan, another record.

Every summer, Japanese officials urge the public to seek shelter in air-conditioned rooms to avoid heatstroke.

The elderly in Japan – which has the world's second-oldest population after Monaco – are particularly at risk.

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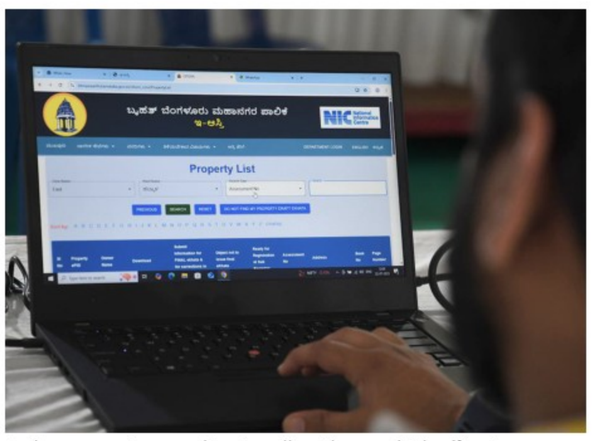
BBMP rolls out faceless e-khata system to boost transparency, efficiency

Modeled around I-T Dept.'s faceless assessment system, the new Standard Operating Procedure ensures that applications are randomly assigned to officials through a round-robin system

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a bid to bring transparency and efficiency to its e-khata services, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has rolled out a new faceless, online e-khata system. The initiative aims at eliminating the role of middlemen, reduce corruption, and ensure time-bound disposal of khata-related applications across the city.

Modelled around the Income Tax Department's faceless assessment system, the BBMP's new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) ensures that applications are randomly assigned to officials through a round-robin system, irrespective of the zone they are deputed to, and applicants will not know which officer is handling their case which eliminates direct contact and any sort of influence. The system follows a First In, First Out (FIFO) principle, ensuring applications are processed in the order they are received, and the officers give no preferential treatment.



In the new system, applicants will not know which officer is handling their case, eliminating direct contact and any sort of influence. FILE PHOTO

Each officer will receive a batch of 50 applications, and new applications will be auto-assigned as the previous ones are processed. Any delay beyond three days will trigger automatic reassignment of the application to another officer using round-robin system.

Further, if officials fail to act on at least one application within 36 hours of login, they will be blocked from receiving new assignments until the Zonal Joint Commissioner grants a special approval. Applications delayed in two consecutive rounds will be reassigned to the special zonal team supervised by Deputy Commissioner, Joint Commissioner, Zonal Commissioner, and the Special Commissioner (Revenue.)

Any significant delay or rejection will be automatically escalated to an appellate authority, in compliance with Rules 4 and 5 of the BBMP (Property Tax Assessment, Recovery, Management) Rules, 2024. The Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) will be responsible for communicating such decisions to citizens.

The BBMP officials said the system will be implemented through dedicated software starting immediately, although some operational timelines may be adjusted during the transitional period.

Techie loses ₹1.4 lakh to fake escort service

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Grounds police have registered a case against a person for allegedly cheating a 24-year-old software engineer on the pretext of offering escort services and made away with ₹1.49 lakh.

Based on the complaint filed by the victim, the police have launched a search to nab the accused who was identified as Ishani Reddy through the money trail.

According to the complaint, the techie spoke to Ishani Reddy on social media who offered escort services and massage and asked him to pay ₹299 towards the registration. As soon as the money was transferred, the accused started demanding money and forced him to pay a total of ₹1.49 lakh online towards service charges.

The techie got suspicious when the person started demanding more money.

When he demanded his money back, the accused disconnected the call and reportedly went incommunicado.

The police suspected that the accused could be using a fake identity to cheat people who were gullible and desperately looking for such services.

From Page One

RTC staff call off strike temporarily following High Court directive

The JAC has been pressing for a salary revision effective from January 1, 2024, and payment of pending arrears for 38 months, covering the period from January 2020 to February 2023.

The union has also demanded that the revised pay scale remain valid until December 31, 2027.

Additional demands include a hike in various staff allowances, improved medical facilities, regularisation of contract-based drivers and technical staff, and a policy that only permanent employees operate electric buses.

The unions have opposed the use of contract workers for electric bus operations.

During the August 4 meeting with union representatives, Mr. Siddaramaiah had offered to release arrears for 14 months if the strike was called off.

However, Mr. Subbarao rejected the offer, insisting on full payment of the 38-month arrears.

Revenue Minister inaugurates Bhu Suraksha Yojane, aimed at digitising all base land records

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister for Revenue Krishna Byre Gowda on Tuesday inaugurated the Bhu Suraksha Yojane, a land records digitisation project, at the Bengaluru (Urban) Deputy Commissioner's office in central Bengaluru.

The initiative aims at digitising all base land records, including those classified under categories A and B, by scanning them and making them available online through the Bhu Suraksha website.

The project began a year ago across all tahsildar offices in the State. Now, the government has expanded the digitisation effort to include records in all Deputy Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner offices.

"There are an estimated 100 crore pages of land records in the State that need to be scanned. We have completed scanning 36.35 lakh pages so far, and the remaining will be done at the earliest," the Minister said. According to Mr. Gowda, the deadline for completing digitisation of records in Assistant Commissioner (AC) and Deputy Commissioner (DC) offices across the State is March 2026.

An employee scanning the documents as Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda launched the Bhu Suraksha Yojane, at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

In the Bengaluru Urban DC office alone, there are approximately one crore pages to be digitised. For this, ₹5 crore has been allocated, with a completion target set for the end of December this year, Mr. Gowda added.

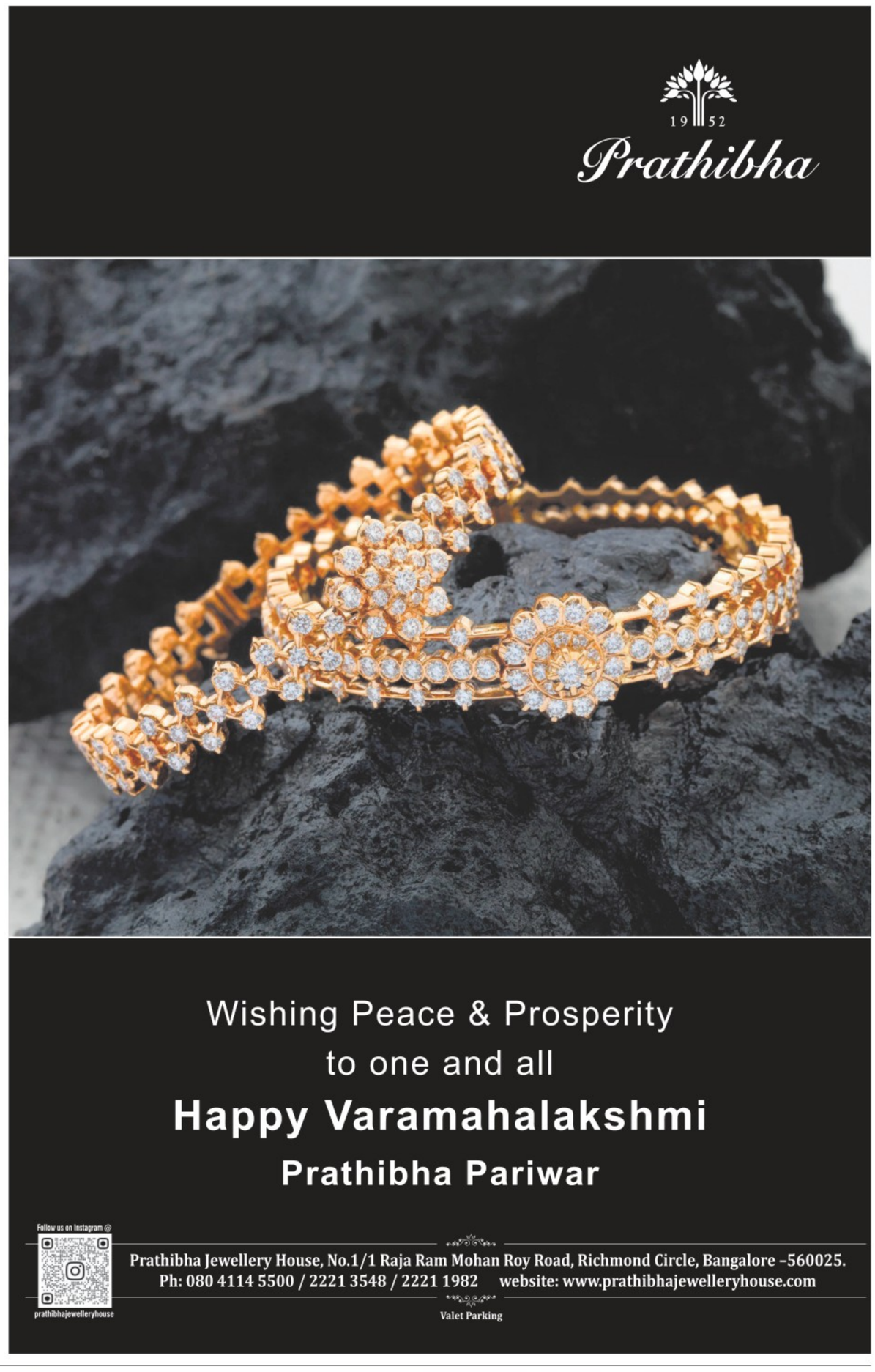
The Minister emphasised that the initiative will not only make land records easily accessible to the public but also help eliminate irregularities such as possible dependence on middlemen or the need for bribes to obtain records. He clarified that those who prefer to collect the records in person can do so at Nadakacheris, where officials will provide the digitised documents.

Moreover, citizens need not wait for the entire digitisation process to conclude, as they can apply for records online and receive them on priority. "In the past, thousands of land-related documents, worth thousands of crores, have been manipulated through forgery. This has led to significant financial losses, which we can now be prevented through digitisation," Mr. Gowda said.

He announced that any documents suspected of being manipulated would be sent to certified forensic laboratories for investigation, ensuring a thorough verification process.

"I feel ashamed to say that land records in my department have been forged in the past years, but it is a reality. We will not allow this to continue," Mr. Gowda said, adding that such digitisation efforts should ideally have been undertaken at least 20 years ago.

He said that Karnataka was the first State to embark on a full-scale digitisation of such a massive volume of documents. In contrast, other States had merely completed digital indexing, without undertaking comprehensive scanning, he said.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Girl found dead near gym

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A 20-year-old woman, identified as Rakshitha, a resident of Machohalli,was found dead under mysterious circumstances in Madanayakanahalli police station limits on Tuesday.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Arms funding for Ukraine by certain Nordic nations

500 In $ million. Sweden, Denmark, and Norway will jointly fund a major U.S. weapons package for Ukraine. The support includes Patriot air defence systems, anti-tank weapons, ammunition, and spares. Sweden alone is contributing $275 million. AFP

Acres of crops submerged in Punjab after heavy rains

20,000 In acres. The worst-hit subdivision was Fazilka. Farmers blamed clogged drains and inadequate pre-monsoon preparation. In some villages like Tahilwala Bodla, over 1,500 acres were affected, prompting road blocks. PTI

Japan records hottest temperature in its history amid heatwave

41.8 In degrees Celsius. It was recorded in Isesaki, Japan on August 5. The previous national record, set just a week earlier, stood at 41.2 degree Celsius in the Hyogo region. The extreme heat has led to more than 38,000 being hospitalised for heatstroke and 18 deaths. AFP

Lives lost in Himachal Pradesh since the onset of monsoon

192 Since June 20, the State has witnessed a sharp rise in fatalities amid ongoing monsoon devastation. Of these, more than 100 fatalities were from rain-related disasters like landslides and flash floods, while 86 were in road accidents. The estimated losses exceed ₹1,750 crore. ANI

Number of bird injuries in four days across Delhi

250 As the skies fill with kites ahead of Independence Day, wildlife groups in Delhi have responded to nearly 300 distress calls. Daily rescue operations averaged 50 birds, including pigeons, parrots, and even peacocks. PTI

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How should money laundering be tackled?

What did the Finance Minister report with respect to the number of cases under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act? What are the three stages through which money is laundered? How will the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement help to stop illegal transfer of money?

EXPLAINER

C. B. P. Srivastava

The story so far:

A report submitted by the Finance Minister in the Rajya Sabha states that 5,892 cases were taken up by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) 2002, since 2015. Of these cases, only 15 convictions have yet been ordered by special courts. The government claims that investigations have been initiated in more or less all cases, and that Enforcement Case Information Reports (ECIRs) have been issued to initiate proceedings. However, these figures raise two important aspects. First, that the number of convictions vis-a-vis total cases is far from satisfactory and secondly, that money laundering cases have been rising signalling that the government has not been able to check such financial crimes.

What is a laundromat?

The term is said to have originated from the use of laundromats by organised crime syndicates in the U.S. as cover for their crimes and under-the-table dealings. A laundromat is an all-purpose financial vehicle. It may be set up by a bank or any other company engaged in providing financial services. However, it can also help clients launder the proceeds of crime, hide ownership of assets, embezzle funds from companies, evade taxes or currency restrictions and move money offshore.

How is money laundered?

Money laundering, as defined under Section 3 of PMLA, is an act through which processes or activities connected to the proceeds of crime are concealed, possessed, acquired, or used and projected as untainted property or claiming to be untainted property.

In the first stage called placement, the launderer introduces money into the financial system which might be done by breaking up large amounts of cash into smaller sums (a process called smurfing). In the second stage, that is layering, money is shifted to other locations through investments and transactions. And finally in the integration stage, the laundered money is brought into the financial system through real estate, business or asset formation etc. The Supreme Court in *P. Chidambaram versus Enforcement Directorate* (2019) held that hiding the illegal source of money affects the financial system and also the sovereignty and integrity of the nation. Other impacts of money laundering include expansion of money supply which might prove detrimental to monetary stability of the country ultimately impacting inflation. Moreover, it may also affect trading, according to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

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When about the PMLA?

In line with the UN Political Declaration and Global Programme of Action (adopted by the UN General Assembly in February 1990), the law has been made to prevent money laundering and to confiscate the property involved or obtained. The most significant part of the statute is that the burden of proof is on the accused. Another feature is that the ECIR is sufficient to initiate proceedings which has also been reiterated by the Supreme Court in *Vir Bhadra Singh versus ED* (2017) – that no FIR is required to initiate proceedings under the Act. The only requirement as per the top court was that a scheduled offence (offence against the state) be essential for the offence of money laundering. However, despite being such a stringent law, the offence has become rampant.

What are the issues to be addressed?

The number of money laundering cases is seriously increasing, questioning the efficacy of the implementation of the law. Moreover, on many occasions, the law has been abused by authority which has been seen and referred to by the Supreme Court as well. In *Vijay Madanlal Chaudhury versus Union of India* (2022) the Court held that to initiate prosecution under Section 3 of the PMLA, registration as scheduled offence is a pre requisite but for initiating attachment of property under Section 5, there need not be a pre-registered criminal case. This view has been very often misused by authorities with politically motivated intentions.

It is important that the authorities follow the recommendations of the FATF and ensure that money laundering cases are handled with care and caution so that misuse could be checked, and genuine cases reported and investigated properly to enhance the rate of conviction. Money laundering is a serious offence as it has a direct linkage with terror activities and is a major source of terror financing. Instead of political motives, the law should be used to address the issues and concerns involved in a genuine manner. Though India has signed the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) with about 85 countries, which helps to check money laundering, things are not yet in the right direction and much needs to be done. These agreements promote the exchange of financial and tax-related information between tax authorities of participating countries. This facilitates the enforcement of tax regulations and helps prevent illegal activities like tax evasion and money laundering.

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How is China extending its policing network overseas?

What are the joint patrols under the 2017 China-Croatia Agreement on Police Cooperation for?

Anushka Saxena

The story so far:

On July 16, the Chinese Ministry of Public Security (MPS) announced that an eight-member police team was despatched to Croatia for a "joint patrol mission." This would be the sixth joint patrol under the 2017 China-Croatia Agreement on Police Cooperation.

What are these joint patrols for?

As the MPS itself highlighted, officers from China and Croatia have formed mixed patrol units to address "the safety concerns of Chinese tourists in Croatia." The Chinese Ambassador to Croatia, Qi Qianjin, said that in 2024, 2,50,000 such tourists visited Croatia, up 41% year-on-year. A similar patrol was launched this time last year, and they operated in Croatian cities such as Zagreb, Dubrovnik, Zadar etc. At the time, it was said that the patrols were to address the "safety-related concerns" of not just Chinese tourists, but also Chinese citizens and overseas Chinese people in Croatia.

What about other European nations?

The Croatian project is not a one-off endeavour of the Chinese state. Under its 2014 Operation, 'Fox Hunt', and the subsequent 2015 umbrella project 'Sky Net', the party-state has developed extensive policing and surveillance networks both within and beyond China. As part of 'Sky Net', joint police patrolling initiatives have been launched with Serbia, Italy and Hungary. Three month-long patrols have already been conducted in Serbia in 2019, 2023, and 2024. In Hungary, the Qingtian County Public Security Bureau has gone as far as creating 'police service centres' in the country. Concerns surrounding the creation of Chinese 'service centres' led Italy to suspend joint police patrols.

What is China aiming for?

The freedom accorded to Chinese police mobility in countries abroad has shown two things – first, that there is potential for officers to arrest Chinese dissidents abroad, and second, that their unchecked operations can lead to the establishment of police stations across the world.

It was discovered in 2023 that China operated two stations in the cities of Amsterdam and Rotterdam in the Netherlands. The-then Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said that these 'service centres' were merely venues to assist overseas Chinese nationals to renew their driving licences and receive physical check-ups for that purpose. Around the same time, another media investigation said that the Chinese police service centre contacted a Chinese Dutch citizen who questioned Beijing's version of the 2020 Galwan Valley clashes with India. If true, there has been an obvious effort by covert Chinese operatives to target dissidents.

In April 2023, the FBI arrested two operatives from a similar 'service centre' affiliated with the MPS in Manhattan's Chinatown in the U.S. The Justice Department charged them with conspiracy to act as agents of the PRC government, and obstruction of justice for destroying evidence of their communications with an MPS official.

How are countries dealing with this?

The crackdown on covert operations of the MPS abroad seems to directly correlate with a particular nation's contemporary relations with China. In the U.S., Chinese espionage has been a topic of grave concern for a while. But as access to Chinese tourists, academics and officials visiting the U.S. has become restricted amid trade related tensions, the discovery of such covert operations has led U.S. authorities to take public action.

But in places like Mongolia, Serbia and Croatia, the policing programme, so far, has yielded no public investigations. These nations boast of enhancing economic and security ties with China. As long as ties with Beijing focus on resolving economic tensions and technological disputes, the issue of transnational repression is likely to take a back seat – unless the degree of surveillance rises to the level that it harms national and/ or European security.

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BDA gets approval to form six new layouts along PRR-2

The largest of the six layouts will come up along Kanakapura Road, and is likely to include an industrial area

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has got an approval from the State government for its proposal to develop six new layouts along the Peripheral Ring Road-2 between Tumakuru Road and Hosur Road via Magadi Road, Mysuru Road, and Kanakapura Road.

Of these six layouts, the largest layout (over 4,200 acres) will come up along Kanakapura Road, and this is expected to include an industrial area as well. This layout will come up in villages including Kaggalipura, one of the three shortlisted sites for Bengaluru's second international airport. The other shortlisted site, Harohalli, is also along Kanakapura Main Road 15 km away from Kaggalipura. The third proposed site is along Nelamangala-Kunigal Road.

The remaining five layouts are relatively small, including one layout, which is just 84 acres. "We have selected land parcels which have the least development," a senior BDA official said.

Apart from planned development along the new major arterial road PRR-2, these layouts are also being taken up to compensate those who would be losing their land to the project with developed land along the road. FILE PHOTO

Six new layouts

Layouts	Extent of Land (in Acres - guntas)	Villages where they will come up
Layout 1	84-23	Maragondanahalli
Layout 2	516-21.5	Hulimangala, Bettadasanapura, S. Bingipura
Layout 3	216-20	Hullahalli
Layout 4	510-0.08	Begur, Hommadevanahalli, Kammanahalli, Myloosandra, Ellenahalli, Hullahalli
Layout 5	4206-29.3	B.M. Kaval, Kaggalipura, U. M. Kaval, Agara, Gulikamalai, O. B. Choodanahalli, Uttari
Layout 6	652-30	B.M. Kaval, Devagere, Gangasandra, Gudimavu
Total	6217-3.88	

Bengaluru Business Corridor
(Peripheral Ring Road)

- Phase 1 - 67 km - 1810 km - between Tumakuru Road and Hosur Road via Ballari Road, Old Madras Road and Sarjapur Road - BDA is raising a loan of ₹27,000 crore from HUDCO to finance the project
- Phase 2 - 53 km - between Tumakuru Road and Hosur Road via Magadi Road, Mysuru Road and Kanakapura Road - declared as a major arterial road by BDA
- 10-km stretch connecting Mysuru Road and Magadi Road that passes through Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout completed - 321 acres acquired, land losers compensated with develop land in NPKL
- Remaining 43 km connecting Hosur Road to Mysuru Road (35 km) and Magadi Road to Tumakuru Road (8 km) to be taken up now
- BDA plans to develop six layouts along the 43-km stretch. Land losers for the road projects and these layouts will be compensated in these layouts

Compensation

Apart from planned development along the new major arterial road PRR-2, these layouts are also being taken up to compensate land losers to the road project with developed land along the road.

While the BDA is raising ₹27,000 crore debt to finance 67-km-long PRR-1 between Tumakuru Road and Hosur Road via Ballari Road, Old Madras Road, and Sarjapur Road, it has decided to take up 53-km-long PRR 2, to complete the circle as a Major Arterial Road.

A 10-km stretch of this proposed 100-metre-wide road connecting Mysuru Road and Magadi Road that passes through Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout has been completed as part of the NPKL project. Land losers to the road project were compensated with 40% developed land in the layout and 60% cash component as part of their compensation package.

Following the success of this model, the BDA now wants to develop six layouts along the remaining 43 km of the road along two stretches – stretch 1 connecting Hosur Road and Mysuru Road (35 km) and stretch 2 connecting Magadi Road and Tumakuru Road (8 km).

The letter from the Urban Development Department (UDD) approving BDA's proposal said that land losers shall be compensated under BDA Act, 1976, with 40% developed land and 60% cash component in their compensation package.

Landlords whose lands will be acquired for PRR 2 and the layouts will be compensated in the six layouts with developed land. For instance, the 35-km stretch between Hosur Road to Mysuru Road requires 860 acres of land, sources said. Chenna Basavaraju M.E., president, NPKL Open Forum, fighting BDA over lack of basic infrastructure in NPKL at Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA-K), which has declared the project a "defaulter" and in the Petitions Committee of the Karnataka Legislature, said that the BDA seemed to be forming layouts and hopping on to newer projects leaving older layouts without even basic infrastructure.

"The BDA should ensure the layouts it has formed are provided with infrastructure, so that they are liveable for allottees to build houses, before forming new layouts," he said.

Apart from the NPKL, there are complaints over lack of infrastructure even in Arkavathy Layout, Visvesvaraya Layout, and Banashankari VI Stage as well.

After NPKL, the BDA has formed Dr. K. Shivarama Karanth Layout in which 30,000 sites are up for allotment. However, there is a High Court stay on allotment of sites in the layout.

HC directs State govt. to submit Commission report on Chinnaswamy stadium stampede

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday directed the State government to submit in sealed cover the report of the John Michael Cunha Commission of Inquiry on the incident of stampede that occurred outside M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on June 4.

A Division Bench comprising Justice Jayant Banerji and Justice Umesh M. Adiga issued the direction on a petition filed by DNA Entertainment Networks Pvt. Ltd., which has challenged the legality of the procedure adopted by the commission in conducting the inquiry.

Meanwhile, senior advocate B.K. Sampath Kumar, appearing for DNA Networks, told the Bench that the function to facilitate the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) team on the steps of Vidhana Soudha on June 4 was also arranged by DNA Networks on the request of the State government. It may be noted that DNA is the event manager for the Royal Challengers Sports Pvt. Ltd., which owns RCB cricket team.

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The petitioner-company has questioned the legality of the commission's report, while alleging that the commission had violated the principles of natural justice and contrary to the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry (COI), 1952, as no opportunity to cross-examine the witnesses was given to DNA Networks.

Mr. Kumar contended that the reputation of the company had been severely affected due to the continued publication of the commission's report in all forms of media, as it appeared that the media had all the details of the commission's report, even though the petitioner-company was not given a copy despite multiple requests.

Meanwhile, State Advocate-General Shashi Kiran Shetty argued that DNA Network would have to approach the civil court against the media publications on the commission's report, while stating that the government had nothing to do with publications in the media regarding the commission's report.

DNA Network, in its petition, has claimed that the report of the Commission was leaked to the media but not given to the company, while pointing out that even the applications filed by it under the RTI Act had also been rejected.

'Go beyond politics to work towards improving city's infrastructure'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Going beyond politics, Karnataka and the Union government should work together to improve Bengaluru's infrastructure, said Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister for Railways, Information and Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology.

He was delivering a keynote address virtually at the opening of SAP Labs' largest campus in India at Devanahalli here on Tuesday.

He said the Union government was committed to working with the State government, despite political differences, to improve the infrastructure of the city.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurating SAP Labs India Innovation Park at Devanahalli on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Rail connectivity

Mr. Vishnaw further said that the government was keen on improving the transportation facility within the city and outside the city.

"We are planning to double the rail connectivity within the city and to the city from outside in the next three years," he said.

Earlier, inaugurating SAP Labs India Innovation Park, on 41 acres of land at Devanahalli, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said, "Both Airport Metro line and suburban rail are being fast tracked to be ready by 2029." He said he was committed to balancing, decentralising, and sustainable growth beyond the core of Bengaluru.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said that his government was happy to partner with SAP Labs in areas such as digital governance, smart cities, skilling, and sustainability to empower MSMEs, and enhance government services in the State. The new SAP facility represented the global enterprise's deep trust in Karnataka's capability, the Chief Minister said.

Since 1998, SAP Labs India, headquartered in Bengaluru, has grown to become SAP's largest R&D facility outside Germany. "As we advance in clean energy, sustainable mobility, and eco-conscious growth, investments like this demonstrate how economic progress and environmental responsibility can go hand in hand," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

On education and skill development, he said, with an ambitious ₹2,500-crore programme supported by the World Bank, his government was strengthening first-grade colleges, establishing a Centre of Excellence, and enhancing R&D capabilities to build a skilled, future-ready workforce aligned with the demands of advanced technologies.

Sindhu Gangadharan, managing director, SAP Labs India and head of customer innovation services, SAP, said, "India's rise as a global technology powerhouse is not just a story of scale – it's a story of ingenuity, resilience, and relentless innovation."

Thomas Saueressig, member of the executive board of SAP SE for Customer Services and Delivery said, "It is a global innovation hub that will help our customers move from insight to action with enterprise-grade AI, data, and applications created right here in India."

Car driver booked for running over stray dog

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The J.B. Nagar police on Monday registered an FIR against a car driver for running over a stray dog, killing it on the spot.

The complainant, Abhijith Das, claimed that on August 3, an unidentified person drove the car over the dog that was sleeping in front of a bakery at HAL 3rd Stage. The dog was killed on the spot.

Fluttering wings

Swarms of Blue Tiger butterflies (*Tirumala limniace*) near the Jenukallu Siddeshwara Swamy Betta, in the periphery of B.R. Hills, in Chamarajanagara district. Known for their seasonal migrations that are linked to the monsoon cycle, the butterflies move from Western Ghats to Eastern Ghats during the pre-monsoon and return after the monsoon. K. MURALI KUMAR

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RISE 06:06	SET 18:45
RISE 16:30	SET 03:02
THURSDAY, AUG. 07	
RISE 06:06	SET 18:44
RISE 17:22	SET 03:59
FRIDAY, AUG. 08	
RISE 06:06	SET 18:44
RISE 18:11	SET 04:56

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	24
Mysuru	30	20
Bengaluru	29	20

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. One or two spells of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm. Spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

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Study by IISc researchers reveals how reward drives attention in humans

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in a new study have probed how the expectation of a reward influences the attention of human beings.

Many studies have in the past investigated how the expectation of a reward influences attention and decision-making. "However, they fell short in differentiating whether these processes are governed by the same or different regions and processes in the brain," the IISc said.

To address this gap, Sridharan Devarajan, associate professor at the Centre for Neuroscience, and his PhD student Ankita Sengupta, designed an experiment to examine how the expectation of a reward modulates the two key components of attention: sensitivity (example: the ability to visually identify the ripest fruit) and bias (the decision to act to pick out the ripest fruit).

The experiment was designed to track two key components of attention — sensitivity and bias

According to IISc, researchers have often struggled to tease apart the impact of reward on sensitivity and bias.

Two-part cognitive task

Mr. Sridharan's team conducted trials with 24 participants, each performing a two-part cognitive task. The first part tested for reward effects on sensitivity. involved the participant looking at a screen displaying two Gabor patches (smooth black-and-white stripes used in attention research), one on each side of the screen. After a very brief pause (200 milliseconds), the patches flicker, and one (or both) of the patch orientations might change. Participants have to report if they detected a change in one of the two patches. For each accurate observation, trial that they reported the change accurately, they received a monetary reward.

The IISc said the researchers strategically rigged the rewards - the number of reward points was fixed on one side, whereas the points varied on the other side; in other words, it could be higher or lower than the fixed side. "Participants would realise this during the task based on the points received, leading them to focus on and be more sensitive to minute changes on the side that would get them greater rewards," the IISc said.

It further added that the second part tested for reward effects on bias. The only difference in this case was that the involved points for reporting a "Yes" option (deciding a change occurred), relative to a "No" option (deciding no change occurred) were varied on one side; as before, this reward could be higher or lower than the fixed side. Here, participants would be biased to choose the "Yes" option when it was more rewarding than the "No" option, and vice versa.

Eye movement, brain activity

During the tasks, the researchers measured the participants' eye movements and brain activity, and quantified the two components of attention.

In the first task, where sensitivity was being examined, participants paid more attention, and their gaze was drawn towards the side associated with greater rewards.

"However, their decisional bias didn't change, indicating that only sensitivity was modulated in this task," explained Mr. Sridharan.

Moreover, well-known brain signatures of attention, including electrical responses and oscillations, signalled higher sensitivity.

During the second part of the task, where bias was examined, the researchers observed that participants in the second task were more likely (biased) to choose the option (yes/no) with the higher expected reward. But during this task, the researchers were surprised to notice that none of the participants' gaze or brain patterns matched those associated with attention.

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KEYWORD

Necropolitics: who is allowed to live and who may die

Necropolitics is a theory that examines how modern nation states determine whose lives are disposable and may be sacrificed in the name of security, threat, or political control

Rebecca Rose Varghese

Have you ever noticed how an airstrike in Mumbai triggers national outrage, but a similar attack in Kashmir rarely breaks through the noise? We're so accustomed to hearing about violence there that it barely feels like news. It's as if deaths in these regions are already anticipated and normalised. These aren't just accidents of geography. They are symptoms of a deeper system, a politics that decides whose lives are worth grieving and whose deaths are simply part of the landscape.

Necropolitics is the use of political power to determine who is allowed to live and who can be made to die. It describes how states and institutions manage death by exposing certain populations, such as refugees, the poor, or racialised communities, to violence, abandonment, or structural neglect.

Coined by Cameroonian historian Achille Mbembe in a 2003 essay and later expanded in his book *Necropolitics* (2019), the concept builds on Michel Foucault's notion of biopolitics but shifts the focus. While biopolitics is concerned with managing life and populations, necropolitics interrogates the power to let people die, deciding who is disposable, who may be sacrificed, and whose suffering is structurally ignored.

Sanctioned death: A man who was shot while seeking food aid at an Israeli and U.S.-backed distribution point, is carried on a motorcycle in the central Gaza Strip on July 27. AFP

Biopolitics versus necropolitics

Foucault traces how the organisation of power changed over time: from sovereign power, where rulers exercised authority through public spectacles of death, to disciplinary power, which works through institutions like schools and prisons to train individuals using surveillance and routine. This evolved into biopower – the control of entire populations through the optimisation of life via vaccination, sanitation, census-taking, and reproductive governance. Biopower appears progressive, but as Foucault warned, it carries within it the power to "make live and let die."

Mbembe takes this further. He asks: if biopolitics is truly about preserving life, why are so many still dying? Why are certain lives treated as expendable? Biopolitics tells only half the story. The other half is necropolitics, the deliberate exposure of certain populations to death, not by accident but by design. While biopolitics governs life, necropolitics governs death. It does not merely ignore suffering; it produces it with calculated precision. Necropolitics is not about letting people die, but about making them die.

Unlike sovereign power, necropolitics does not rely on the will of a single ruler. It operates through policies, institutions, and global indifference that erases the value of some lives. These lives are stripped of dignity, reduced to statistics, and rendered disposable. This logic, Mbembe argues, has deep colonial roots. Consider the Bengal famine of 1943. Millions died not due to a lack of food, but because British colonial policies prioritised imperial interests over Indian lives. Death was systemic, not accidental. People were treated as tools for the empire, valued only in relation to others' survival.

In necropolitical systems, people are not killed through spectacle but through slow, structural abandonment. Death is normalised and bodies become data. The people, whether in borders, refugee camps, or detention centres, are managed, contained, and forgotten. For instance, during the HIV/AIDS crisis of the 1980s and '90s, queer people, especially Black, brown, trans, and working-class individuals, were abandoned by healthcare systems and denied dignity. As scholars like Judith Butler and Jasbir Puar note, only queer lives made respectable through whiteness or middle-class identity were grieved.

Puar calls this queer necropolitics, where some queer lives are protected while others are left to die.

Characteristics of necropolitics

Necropolitics operates through several defining features that together create a system where certain lives are systematically devalued. First, state terror suppresses dissent through surveillance, violence, imprisonment, or elimination, even within democracies. Second, states collaborate with private militias or criminal groups, blurring the line between state and non-state violence. Third, enmity becomes a governing principle, making the right to kill a measure of authority. Fourth, war and terror become self-sustaining economies, fuelling global surveillance and arms markets. Fifth, active predation of certain social groups displaces entire communities, as seen in resource extraction projects. Sixth, death is administered in varied forms like torture, drone strikes, starvation, and disappearance. Finally, these acts are morally justified through ideologies like nationalism, religion, or utilitarianism.

Creating a state of exception

Necropolitics is sustained not only through violence but through the systematic invention of enemies. Modern states are driven by the desire for an enemy onto whom fear and blame can be projected. This enemy need not be real – the fantasy alone justifies surveillance, exclusion, and elimination. In neoliberal regimes, the threat turns inward, prompting expanded policing and emergency laws that target not just the accused but also those who resemble them.

Italian philosopher Giorgio Agamben calls this condition the state of exception, when the law suspends itself in the name of preserving itself. Mbembe expands this to show how, for many populations, the exception is not temporary but permanent.

In such spaces, legality becomes hollow and rights are applied selectively. What governs is not justice but logistics, such as who gets care, who receives compensation, who can cross a border, and who is punished for trying. These decisions may seem administrative, but they are deeply necropolitical, revealing how life and death are unequally distributed.

The living dead

Mbembe also introduces a haunting concept within necropolitical thought – the living dead: people who are not killed outright but are forced to live in conditions so degraded, unstable, and violent that life becomes a slow, continuous dying. These are individuals and communities who may remain biologically alive but are stripped of political, social, and moral recognition.

We saw this during India's COVID-19 lockdown, when migrant workers were left to walk for days without food, shelter, or transport. Many collapsed and died on highways or railway tracks, not from the virus, but from state neglect. Their deaths were quietly processed and bureaucratically explained and largely unmourned.

Mbembe calls these zones death worlds – spaces where populations are exposed to abandonment or sudden violence. Drawing from Agamben's "state of exception," Mbembe shows how these spaces operate outside the usual rule of law. Here, death is not a breakdown of governance but its very method.

Gaza is one of the starkest examples. After the Hamas attack on October 7, 2023, Israeli strikes flattened hospitals, aid centres, and homes. Even the deaths of children were dismissed as collateral damage. The silence that followed reveals necropolitics at its clearest: some deaths are not just permitted but framed as necessary for political strategy and national security.

In everyday life

Necropolitics does not always come with bombs or guns. More often, it takes the form of law, policy, and bureaucracy – sterilisation drives targeting Dalit and Adivasi women, police databases that profile Muslim names or Black people, drone strikes that label civilians as "targets," or detention centres where children sleep on cold floors. These are not failures of a protective system, but features of one designed to discard.

It also exists in silence – in the world, including states and global institutions – looking away as thousands of civilians, including women and children, are killed in places like Gaza, while the rest of us carry on with our daily lives.
Necropolitics is not confined to war zones. It thrives in the slow violence of poverty, caste, racism, and displacement.

So, if power today functions through abandonment and death, what does resistance look like? The goal must not simply be to survive, but to live lives that are recognised, valued, and grieved.

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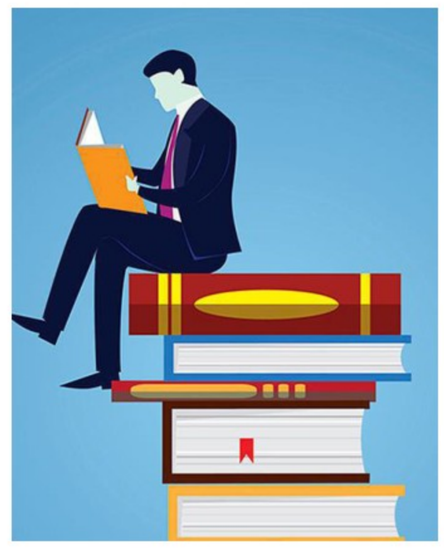

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian
S. Upendran

"Hi. Haven't seen you in a while. Where have you been?"

"Busy studying. Did you watch the men's final?"

"No. I knew...."

"....you didn't watch the final! That's unbelievable."

"I knew Sampras was going to zap Pioline, so...."

"....he was going to what?"

"Z..a..p. It rhymes with map, cap, and tap. To zap someone means to defeat someone badly. For example, Sampras zapped Pioline to claim his tenth Grand Slam title."

"Can I say, my team got zapped 10-1 in a friendly football game?"

"You certainly can. Your team always gets zapped. Nothing unusual in that."

"That's true. Maybe, the coach should zap you guys."

"Our coach should zap us? You mean he should defeat us?"

"No, no. In this case, the word zap means to criticise someone severely."

"So the word zap has more than one meaning?"

"That's right. Here's an example. I was late for work and my boss zapped me."

"Meaning your boss scolded you."

"Exactly!"

"Can I say, my mother zapped me for coming home late last night?"

"You certainly can. Whenever the Indian team doesn't perform well, it gets zapped by the press."

"That's true. Why did your mother zap you last night? Where did you go?"

"I went to meet Gopa. He wanted to...."

"....I didn't know, that yoyo was back in town."

"The what?"

"Yoyo! Both the o's are pronounced like the o in cone, bone, and phone. And the stress is on the first syllable."

"All that is fine. But what does yoyo mean?"

"The word is often used in informal American English to mean a stupid or silly person. For example, the yoyo in purple trousers is my boss' son."

"Your boss' son wears purple trousers?"

"Sometimes. Here's another example. My..."

"....let me give an example. There's some yoyo at the door. He says he wants to meet you. Sounds OK?"

"Sounds good to me. What did that yoyo Gopa want?"

"Nothing much. He was zapping his boss for not giving him a raise."

"Nobody will give that yoyo a raise. He's lucky to have a job."

"Just like you!"

"What do you mean?"

"Even your boss refuses to give you a raise. I guess you and Gopa have something in common after all. Ha! Ha!"

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

On August 6 and 9, 1945, the U.S. detonated two atomic bombs over the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, respectively. Here is a quiz on the bombings

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
What are the names of the two types of atomic bombs that were dropped in Hiroshima and Nagasaki?

QUESTION 2
What was the research programme called, that was undertaken during World War II to produce the first nuclear weapons?

QUESTION 3
What was the Franck Report?

QUESTION 4
This was a secret agreement between the U.K. and the U.S. outlining the terms for coordinated development of the science and engineering related to nuclear energy and specifically nuclear weapons. It was signed by Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt. What was this called?

QUESTION 5
What is the Japanese term used to define a 'bombing survivor' or a 'person affected by exposure to radioactivity'?

Visual question:
Identify this person and how was he connected to the bombings? FILE PHOTO

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This decision by the Bangladesh high court triggered the students' protests that led to the fall of the government. **Ans: Reinstating 30% reservation for descendants of freedom fighters**
2. The banner under which students were protesting. **Ans: Students Against Discrimination**
3. The derogatory word used to denote people who helped Pakistani troops during the Liberation War in 1971. **Ans: Razakars**
4. Name the organisation and economic instrument it was based on set up by Muhammad Yunus. **Ans: Grameen Bank; Microfinance**
5. Name the court in Bangladesh that began the trial of Ms. Hasina over crimes against humanity. **Ans: International Crimes Tribunal**
Visual: This building was razed by a mob on February 6. Name the person who used to reside here. **Ans: 32, Dhanmondi; Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**
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Word of the day

Launder:
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Pronunciation: newsth.live/launderpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈlɔːndə/

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Drinking water poisoning: Headmasters to follow SOP for children's safety

The Commissioner of Public Instruction has issued the circular with 25 points to be followed by schools

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Following two recent incidents of miscreants allegedly poisoning the drinking water tanks of government schools in Shivamogga and Belagavi districts, the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) has issued Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to be followed by headmasters every day in their schools.

The Commissioner of Public Instruction has issued the circular with 25 points to be followed, including checking drinking water regularly and ensuring that the sump is locked. These aspects should be checked, confirmed, and documented by the headmaster of the school daily.

They have to obtain the signature of a visitor to confirm that the procedure has been followed. Noting lapses in aspects related to safety of children in schools, the note said, "If headmasters check some basic factors on a daily basis and take precautionary measures, possible mishaps in schools can be avoided."

Recently, miscreants had poisoned the drinking water tanks of two government schools in Shivamogga and Belagavi districts.
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The department has also listed out duties to be performed by the officials regarding the implementation of SOP at various levels

They have been instructed to take precautionary measures so that there is no lapse in safety, the circular stated.

The department has also listed out duties to be performed by the officials regarding the implementation of SOP at various levels, including district nodal officers, Deputy Directors of Public Instruction (DDPIs), Block Education Officers (BEOs), and others.

This information should also be entered in the Students' Achievement Tracking System (SATS) every day. Speaking to *The Hindu*, K.V. Trilok Chandra, Commissioner of Public Instruction, said, "The incident of miscreants poisoning school water tanks is shocking. In this regard, SOPs have been issued to be followed regularly in every school. All schools have to submit reports to the department." If they fail, action will be taken against the headmaster concerned, he warned.

Recently, miscreants had poisoned the drinking water tanks of two government schools in Shivamogga and Belagavi districts. The police have arrested three persons belonging to Sri Rama Sene in Belagavi district. In the case of Shivamogga, investigation is still on.

Key features of SOP for schools

- Regular safety inspection of the school premises and surroundings
- Checking for foul-smelling water in the overhead tank and sump
- Ensuring that the sump is locked and secured
- Emergency preparedness at school
- Availability of first aid kit and other facilities
- Ensuring that there are no loose hanging cables and electric wires on school premises
- Monitoring of Midday meals
- Safety measures to prevent gas cylinder leakage
- Inspection of food grains
- Preventing entry of unauthorised persons into the school

One flight diverted, 3 delayed due to heavy rain at KIA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

There was a minor disruption of flight operations at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) due to heavy rains on Tuesday.

KIA officials said that one IndiGo flight from Delhi to Bengaluru was diverted to Coimbatore. The flight returned to Bengaluru after a one-and-half-hour delay.

The officials added that three flights from Bengaluru were also delayed for a few minutes due to heavy rains.

As per the India Meteorological Department data, the KIA station recorded 54.5 mm rainfall on Tuesday till 5.30 p.m.

"Our teams are closely monitoring the weather and are at the airport to assist you. Thank you for staying patient with us as we help you get to your destination safely," IndiGo said in a post on X.

Shopkeeper, 22 others convicted of attacking police during lockdown

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Judicial Magistrate of First Class court in Tumakuru district on Tuesday convicted a shopkeeper and 22 others for attacking policemen during COVID-19 lockdown, sentencing them to one year simple imprisonment and a fine of ₹15,000 each.

The accused, Adeer Ahmed, owner of a grocery shop in Chikka Kunnalu Circle in C.S. Pura police station limits in Tumakuru, opened the shop during the lockdown, violating the rules, on July 3, 2021. When he was confronted and questioned by the police personnel who were on rounds, the accused created ruckus and organised a mob and attacked the police personnel and damaged their vehicle. The injured police personnel alerted the control room seeking reinforcement and were rescued, following which the attackers were arrested. The court directed the authorities to pay compensation of ₹15,000 to each police personnel who were injured in the attack.

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Bengaluru largely unaffected as RTC strike disrupts bus services across State

As of 6 p.m., overall operational rate of four corporations across the State stood at 71.9%, with major variations in their performances

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The strike call given by the Joint Action Committee (JAC) of Road Transport Corporation (RTC) employees was called off by the end of the day, even as it disrupted public transport services across Karnataka on Tuesday, with the exception of Bengaluru city, where operations by the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) remained largely unaffected.

As of 6 p.m., the overall operational rate of four corporations across the State stood at 71.9%, with major variations in performance among the four State-run transport corporations. According to the official data by the Transport Department, a total of 18,995 services were scheduled for the day. Of these, only 13,648 were operated.

BMTC, which serves Bengaluru city, reported near-complete operations, running 6,198 out of 6,199 scheduled buses with an operational efficiency of 100%. A BMTC official said that the city witnessed a 10% drop in services during the morning peak hours, but quickly recovered to full efficiency.

In contrast, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) operated just 3,463 out of its 6,102 scheduled services, an efficiency of 56.8%. North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) managed to run 2,678 out of 3,588 scheduled buses, achieving a 74.6% rate. The Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC) saw the steepest decline, with only 1,309 of its 3,106 scheduled buses on the road, marking a dismal 42.1% operational rate.

Across the rest of Karnataka, especially in rural areas, the impact was more severe. A senior KSRTC official said, "While a few services ran in urban areas, rural operations were severely affected. Long-distance buses, however, were largely operational."

Commuters across the State faced uncertainty and confusion. At the Kempegowda (Majestic) Bus Terminal in Bengaluru, both KSRTC and BMTC buses were functioning, but footfall was noticeably lower than usual.

Jeevan Kumar, a regular commuter in Bengaluru, said he waited over 45 minutes for a bus to Jambusavari Dinne. "There are definitely fewer buses than usual, but also fewer passengers in Majestic. Many assumed the strike would halt all services and chose to take their own vehicles," he said.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said the government had activated alternative measures. "I had instructed managing directors of the corporations, district Deputy Commissioners, and other officials to take all necessary steps to minimise inconvenience to the public," he told *The Hindu*. The Transport Department roped in private operators, with the Federation of Karnataka State Private Transport Associations stepping in to run additional buses. School buses, corporate and industrial vehicles, and other private fleets were also pressed into service in some districts, including Bengaluru.

The number of commuters opting for Namma Metro increased owing to the State-wide RTC strike in Bengaluru on Tuesday; (right) traffic congestion in parts of Bengaluru city as many preferred to use their private vehicles. SUDHAKARA JAIN & J. ALLEN EGENUSE

Terming strike *prima facie* illegal, HC warns trade union leaders of contempt action

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday cautioned that if the transport strike is continued further, it would initiate contempt proceedings against the office-bearers of the trade unions for disobeying the court's August 4 interim directions to put the strike on hold for a day.

Terming the strike as *prima facie* illegal as it was violative of the provisions of the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) in force and that the police can arrest the workers on strike, the court said that the trade unions "cannot hold the public to ransom" and the public can't be inconvenienced in this manner.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C.M. Joshi made these observations during the hearing of a PIL petition, which has complained about the hardship caused to the public due to a strike call given by the Joint Action Committee (JAC) of various trade unions of the States' public transport corporations.

However, an advocate, representing the KSRTC Workers and Staff Union, said that in Bengaluru city, 98% buses were operated on Tuesday as the court's order was duly obeyed, but the strike continued in several remote areas of the State due to the communication gap in conveying the court's order to put the strike on hold.

Earlier, the State Advocate General said that the strike had severely affected the public as only 30-40% buses were operating in the State as the trade unions continued the strike despite the court's interim order of staying the strike for a day to know the outcome of the negotiations that were under way.

Separate notices

Further hearing on the petition has been adjourned till August 7, while ordering the issue of separate notices to all the trade unions of the transport corporations, which are part of the JAC.

Political slugfest between CM and Ashok

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The RTC strike has triggered a slugfest between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok, with the latter blaming the former for the situation.

The Chief Minister launched a counter-attack, blaming Mr. Ashok, who earlier handled the transport portfolio in the erstwhile BJP government, for failing to resolve the problems of transport workers back then. Mr. Ashok blamed the "misrule" of the Chief Minister and "financial bankruptcy" as the reasons for the transport workers going on a strike, and demanded the Chief Minister's resignation.

This Chief Minister shot back, saying it was when Mr. Ashok was the Transport Minister that the transport staff had gone on a 15-day strike as they were not being paid their salaries fully then.

The project site of KGS Units 5 and 6 at Kaiga site of NPCIL in Uttara Kannada district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Construction of KGS Units 5, 6 picks pace

The Hindu Bureau
KAIGA SITE (NPCIL)

First pour of concrete to commence by November

As excavation has been completed, construction activities of the Kaiga Generating Station Units 5 and 6 (KGS 5 and 6) Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor units with a total capacity of 1,400 MW have gained momentum, and the first pour of concrete is expected to commence by November.

At a media outreach programme at Kaiga site of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) in Uttara Kannada district on Tuesday, Kaiga site director B. Vinod Kumar said that the project cost of ₹21,000 crore for KGS Units 5 and 6 was to be released over a period of five years.

He said that KGS Unit-1, which was under shutdown owing to En Masse Coolant Channel Replacement (EMCCR) and En Masse Feeder Replacement (EMFR) exercises, would last for 18 months and is scheduled to resume operation on October 30, 2026. Mr. Vinod Kumar said that the four units at the Kaiga site had set benchmarks comparable with international standards, and ever since the commercial operation of the units began, the Kaiga site had generated a total of 1.3 lakh million units of power and had avoided the generation of about 1.2 lakh tonnes of carbon dioxide.

BJP leader accuses govt. of diverting urea to Kerala

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'The shocking seizure of urea being smuggled from Karnataka to Kerala is not just illegal; it is also a direct betrayal of Karnataka's farmers'

Expressing shock over alleged illegal transportation of urea from Karnataka to Kerala, the BJP has alleged that consignments were being "quietly sent across the State border" with full knowledge of the State machinery, "to impress the Congress top leaders."

Probe sought

The party has also demanded a probe into urea diversion, while alleging that the shortage of fertilizer was "man-made", besides seeking a White Paper on fertilizers' supply and distribution situation.

"The shocking seizure of urea being smuggled from Karnataka to Kerala is not just illegal; it is also a direct betrayal of Karnataka's farmers," said Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok in a social media post on Tuesday, alleging that it was being done to "impress Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi." Maintaining that this was not an isolated case, Mr. Ashok said it had tried to lift the night traffic ban in Bandipur, risking wildlife and forests to appease Kerala.

'Prioritising Kerala'

"They allowed medical waste from Kerala to be dumped in our border districts, endangering public health in Karnataka. Now, they're smuggling urea, prioritising Kerala over Karnataka," he said, claiming that the Narendra Modi-led government had ensured a timely and ample fertilizer supply to Karnataka.

Karnataka team visits Stanford University

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BENGALURU

A delegation from Karnataka, including Legislative Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader and KPCC working president Manjunath Bhandari, held discussion with representatives of Stanford University over collaboration on improving health and technology in rural areas of Karnataka.

Dinesh Gooligowda, MLC, said that the delegation met faculty of the university and held discussion on heart, stroke and cancer and available technology to treat them at affordable cost. The discussion revolved around stent insertion, heart blockage, blood clots and cervical cancer and the use of AI. The university faculty evinced interest in collaboration with State government to provide electrical scooter, auto and solar powered vehicles and reuse of fuel, which are being researched, to be given to farmers, he said.

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The Executive Engineer, Tumakuru City Corporation, Tumakuru invites tenders as per the KTPP act 1999-2000 through KPPP portal for Corporation Grant and 2025-26 SFC Grant tenders Eligible Contractors with PWD License certificate can Participate in the Tender.

Contractors can download and submit the tenders through KPPP portal **http/kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

1	Date of reciept of Tenders	:	**01-08-2025**
2	Last Date for Submission of Tenders	:	**18-08-2025 at 11.30 pm**
3	Pre bid meeting	:	**07-08-2025 at 04.30 am**
4	Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids)	:	**19-08-2025 at 11.40 pm**
5	Date of Opening of Tenders (Financial Bids)		**20-08-2025 at 11.45 pm**

Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only Through KPPP portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Tumakuru City Corporation
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Sl. No.	Name of work and Tender No.	Bid Security	Prebid Meeting Date	e-Bid Submission closing Date	e-Bid Opening Date
1.	Rehabilitation / Modification works to be carried out in the existing 3 MLD & 2 MLD Sewage Treatment Plants of TANSIDCO, Industrial Estate at Ambattur including replacement of Mechanical, Electrical and Instrumentation, Laboratory equipment's and its allied works to meet out the revised norms for discharge of secondary treated effluent as recommended by CPCB / TNPCB along with 10 years of Operation & Maintenance of both 3 MLD & 2 MLD STPs. CNT/SEW/NCB/MWB/3664A/2025-26	Rs.5.53 Lalkhs	13.08.2025 at 11.30 a.m.	25.08.2025 upto 3.00 p.m	26.08.2025 after 3.30 p.m
2.	EMD by online transfer only through tender Portal. The tenderer shall submit scanned copy of online transaction statement towards EMD as part of Tender document.				
3.	Last date for submitting applications for issuance of work site inspection certificates to the concerned Executive Engineer / Superintending Engineer for having visited the site of work is 48 hours before the tender submission date.				
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CPI(M) slams Adoor's remarks on women

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

CPI(M) Kerala secretary M.V. Govindan condemned director Adoor Gopalakrishnan's statement at a Kerala film conclave on Saturday that aspirant filmmakers hailing from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SC/STs) and also women require at least "three weeks of intense" training before getting State funding for movies and documentaries.

Speaking to the media on Tuesday, Mr. Govindan said Mr. Gopalakrishnan had later claimed that his words were in good faith and had been misconstrued.

The State Commission for SC/ and STs sought a report on the issue.

Internal quota: panel moots 6% for Dalit left, 5% for Dalit right

H.N. Nagamohan Das panel is learnt to have created a separate group for Adi Karnataka, Adi Dravida and Adi Andhra

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The one-man commission headed by H.N. Nagamohan Das, which submitted its report on internal reservation for 101 Scheduled Castes in Karnataka to the government on Monday, is learnt to have created a separate group for Adi Karnataka (AK), Adi Dravida (AD) and Adi Andhra (AA), providing 1% reservation within the 17% reservation for SCs for the three.

The colonial era nomenclature coined to bring depressed sections within the SC community had been a major cause of confusion in slicing up the reservation matrix since members from both Dalit left (Madigas) and Dalit right (Holeyas) grouping have certificates under these names.

How it is sliced up

While the commission is learnt to have provided 6% reservation for the Dalit left, it is learnt to have given the Dalit right 5%. The Lambani, Korama, Koracha and Bhovi have been given 4% and the more than 40 nomadic tribes classified as micro communities due to their population size have been given 1%, it is learnt. There are over 50 very backward micro communities whose population is less than 10,000.

Sources said that though one of the focus of the internal reservation was to remove the confusion over AD, AK and AA, several lakhs have continued with these nomenclatures. The micro communities are learnt to have been given a higher weightage that will help them in public employment over others.

H.N. Nagamohan Das

"Castes that are equal in social and educational backwardness, and scored poor in adequate representation have been brought together. This, along with population size, has been the basis for allocating reservation matrix," sources said.

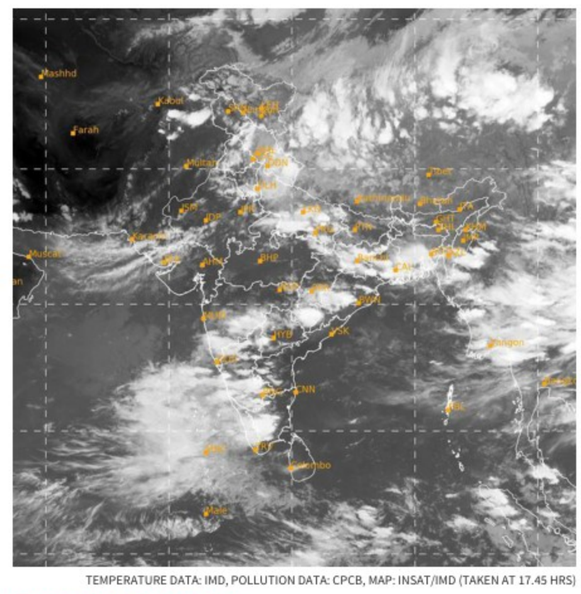
Demand for study

Meanwhile, Dalit right group and touchable communities of Lambani, Koracha, Korama and Bhovi are likely to seek for the report to be studied by a Cabinet sub-committee. Multiple sources said that though the report is not formally released, based on informal communications, these communities are unhappy with slicing up of the matrix. However, the Dalit left groups that have been fighting for internal reservation for over three decades now have not only welcomed the submission of the report, but have also sought its early implementation.

"The government should place the report before the legislature after discussion in Cabinet and implement the reservation without any delay. We will not withdraw the indefinite protest that we are launching in Bengaluru from August 11 till the order is issued," said Basavaraj Kowthal, convener of prctest Committee for social justice through internal reservation for scheduled castes.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.45 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	40	33.3	25.0	Kozhikode	2	26.4	25.5
Ahmedabad	—	34.1	26.4	Kurnool	3	34.7	25.7
Aizawl	45	29.7	21.5	Lucknow	7	31.7	25.2
Allahabad	9	33.8	24.9	Madurai	—	39.0	26.1
Bengaluru	16.3	28.2	20.4	Mangaluru	—	28.5	25.0
Bhopal	—	31.7	23.8	Mumbai	—	32.1	26.5
Bhubaneswar	—	35.0	27.1	Mysuru	7	31.2	21.0
Chandigarh	9.6	30.9	24.9	New Delhi	—	32.7	25.8
Chennai	0.5	35.6	26.0	Patna	—	32.5	25.4
Coimbatore	—	31.0	22.4	Port Blair	0.4	31.1	25.2
Dehradun	78	28.3	22.7	Puducherry	—	31.3	23.4
Gangtok	21	20.7	18.5	Pune	—	33.1	23.7
Goa	0.7	30.0	25.0	Raipur	—	33.4	26.5
Guwahati	2	30.7	26.4	Ranchi	—	31.8	23.2
Hubballi	—	28.0	23.0	Shillong	5	22.8	18.0
Hyderabad	39	32.2	22.2	Shimla	20	19.5	16.4
Imphal	0.8	28.4	23.0	Srinagar	—	33.5	20.6
Jaipur	—	33.8	26.3	Thiruvananthapuram	13	30.8	23.4
Kochi	20	26.4	24.0	Tiruchi	5	35.5	25.0
Kohima	—	24.7	20.8	Vijayawada	—	35.4	27.8
Kolkata	12	34.0	24.8	Visakhapatnam	—	35.2	28.7

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.30	..42	28	 35	65	
Bengaluru	...8	..21	45	 27	61	
Chennai	.15	..19	65	 17	50	
Delhi	.11	..42	58	 69	...149	
Hyderabad	...6	..16	10	... 134	...111	
Kolkata	...9	..89	29	 40	59	
Lucknow	...8	..38	60	 15	36	
Mumbai	...8	..29	42	 40	58	
Pune	..—	..31	78	 44	...115	
Visakhapatnam	...7	..17	12	 61	91	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 207 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 15

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Trump's tariffs likely to severely affect aquaculture and seafood sector in A.P.

Rajulapudi Srinivas
VIJAYAWADA

With the U.S. President Donald Trump announcing a 25% tariff on Indian products, the aquaculture sector in Andhra Pradesh is likely to be severely affected, particularly for the shrimp farmers.

A.P's seafood sector has been in a crisis since Trump's tariffs in April

Aquaculture farmers in A.P. exporting their produce to the U.S have to bear about 25% tariffs, 5.77% countervailing duty and 3.96% anti-dumping duty from August 7, says the Seafood Exporters Association of India members.

The contribution of A.P. to seafood exports was 9.52% Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) in 2023-24, said Joint Director (Aquaculture), Shaik Lal Mohammad.

The sector has been facing a severe crisis after the U.S. imposed 26% tariff in April. As the prices fell of shrimp in the international market, many farmers announced crop holiday, the producers said.

"We are not in a position to continue aquaculture by paying a 35% tariff to the U.S. The Centre should take measures to save the sector," A. Veerraju, a farmer from Eluru district said.

'Tariff war to worsen the economy further'

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala's Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal said that the State needs to prepare well to tackle the 'tariff war' looming over the economy, propelled by the recent tariff policies of the United States and other global players.

Mr. Balagopal was speaking after inaugurating a two-day seminar, 'Post-COVID Development Challenges and Response: Kerala through the lens of State budgets,' organised by the Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation (GIFT) here on Tuesday.

"It has to be examined how these policies impact the Indian economy and specifically Kerala, whose exports cover multiple sectors," he said.

Mr. Balagopal said he perceived a "dangerous situation" ahead, referring to recent demands that "India should reduce its tariffs." "The tariff war looming over us will worsen our economy further," he said.

INBRIEF

Kerala Minister moots idea for classes without backbenchers

Just days after proposing public discussions on rescheduling the April-May summer vacations for schoolchildren in Kerala to June-July, Minister for General Education V. Sivankutty has mooted doing away with the idea of 'backbenchers' from public school classrooms. The Minister, in a Facebook post on Tuesday, touched upon how being deemed a backbencher could impact a student's confidence and learning. "No child should be left behind in education or in life," he said. He said the department is exploring how to implement the idea.

Leopard scare continues to haunt Tirumala residents

Leopard scare continues to haunt the denizens of Balaji Nagar in Tirumala, Andhra Pradesh. The inhabitants of the area on Tuesday woke up to the news of sighting of a leopard in the precincts of the Gangamma temple. The anxiety intensified as a video clip showing the leopard preying on a cat on the temple grounds went viral on social media. The area houses displaced owners and tenants who had given away their properties to the TTD, and is located on the fringes of the town abutting forests. The residents promptly notified forest officials, who alerted their staff.

Dharmasthala: SIT to probe new plaint on another burial

Director-General and Inspector-General of Police M.A. Saleem has asked the Special Investigation Team, probing the alleged burial of bodies in Dharmasthala village in Karnataka, to also investigate a complaint about the police allegedly burying a girl's body without registering a case. In the complaint filed with the police on August 4, a person alleged that the body of a 15-year-old girl was found lying on the roadside in the village between 2002 and 2003. No skeletal remains were found in sites 11 and 12 on Tuesday.

Accidental dive

Plunged in: A driver had a miraculous escape after he accidentally drove into a canal as flash floods triggered by heavy rain blurred the separation from the adjacent road at Petta in Tripunithura in Kerala on Tuesday. THULASI KAKKAT

Kerala CM seeks report on weak and rundown structures

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has directed the Disaster Management department to provide the details of weak and dilapidated structures, including schools and hospitals, in the State within two weeks.

Speaking at a high-level meeting here on Tuesday, Mr. Vijayan said the list of those structures that need to be demolished and those that need to be repaired should be provided separately.

School buildings should be demolished on holidays. Local self-government bodies, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and the Education department should find an alternative to conduct classes until the demolished school buildings are built, he said. The CM also ordered safety assessment of unaided school buildings in the State along with this exercise.

Software will be developed to record details of public buildings in danger.

Electrical safety

An inspection system comprising the Chief Electrical Officer and electrical engineers from the Local Self-Government department and the Public Works department should be formed to inspect matters related to electrical, Mr. Vijayan said.

'Will expose hollowness of commission's report on KLIP in Assembly'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) senior leader and former Irrigation Minister T. Harish Rao termed the PC Ghose Commission's report on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) as 'baseless', stating that they would expose its hollowness once it is tabled in the Assembly.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday announced that Commission's report would be tabled in the Assembly for a detailed a debate during a special session of the Assembly.

Taking strong exception to the Commission's finding, which held former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao solely responsible for the irregularities in the execution of the project, Mr. Rao claimed that it was indeed a decision approved by the then Cabinet as well as the Assembly.

Presenting a detailed report to the media at BRS Bhavan here on Tuesday, Mr. Rao alleged that the Congress government led by Revanth Reddy was deliberately distorting facts about the KLIP to merely malign the image of KCR and cause 'trouble' to him.

Caste killing: Probe will be completed in 60 days, T.N. tells High Court

The Hindu Bureau
MADURAI

The Tamil Nadu government on Tuesday informed the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court that the investigation in the caste killing of Kavin Selvaganesh would be completed in two months.

The court was hearing a public interest litigation petition filed by S.M.A. Pon Gandhimathinathan of Thoothukudi district, who had sought a direction for a CB-CID probe, to be monitored by a Tirunelveli District Judge.

The petitioner had also sought a direction to the government to provide an adequate compensation of ₹50 lakh under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules to the family of the deceased and to bring in a separate Act to prevent "honour" killings.

The petitioner said the accused, Surjith, the brother of the girl Kavin loved, and his father Saravanan, a sub-inspector, had been arrested, while Surjith's mother, Krishnakumari, also a sub-inspector, had not been arrested yet. (The accused belongs to the Most Backward Caste).

According to the petitioner, Chandrasekar, father of Kavin, had alleged that inspector of police Kasipandian had earlier threatened Kavin with dire consequences and acted in a biased manner in favour of the family of the accused.

Given the fact that the parents of the accused are sub-inspectors and given the role of Kasipandian, a District Judge should monitor the investigation, the petitioner said.

Additional Advocate-General M. Ajmal Khan submitted that the investigation would be completed by the CB-CID in 60 days and the final report would be filed.

An interim compensation of ₹6 lakh had been handed over to the family of Kavin.

A case was booked under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. No offender would be allowed to go scot free, it was submitted.

A Division Bench of Justices S.M. Subramaniam and A.D. Maria Clete said the CB-CID had started the investigation and the petitioner had not raised any serious allegation against the investigating team.

Giving a direction at this point of time would affect the independence of the investigating officers, the Bench said, posting the matter for further hearing after eight weeks.

Bullying tactics

India cannot allow the U.S. or the EU to decide its choice of trade partners

After months of considerable forbearance, the statement by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), on Monday, pushing back against the U.S. and the European Union (EU) for "targeting" India is significant. The statement came two hours after Mr. Trump had announced penalty tariffs against India, "substantially" above the current 25% rate set to go into place this week, for importing, processing and selling Russian oil. A day earlier, a senior Trump aide had accused India of "financing" Russia's war in Ukraine. And on July 18, the EU had announced sanctions on India's Vadinar refinery (partially Russian owned), and secondary sanctions that will affect Indian refiners. The MEA spokesperson said that the measures were "unjustified and unreasonable" as the U.S. and the EU continue to trade with Russia for goods including LNG, critical minerals and nuclear fuel requirements. The statement also said that it was the U.S. that had encouraged India to keep buying Russian oil to stabilise global markets, something the Biden administration had confirmed. The government said that in comparison to the western countries, India's Russian oil purchases are a "vital national compulsion" as a result of the conflict in Ukraine, adding that India would "... safeguard its national interests and economic security". The MEA's statement is the first such clear response on the issue since the Ukraine conflict. Taken with Union Minister Piyush Goyal's statement last week on the U.S. announcement of 25% reciprocal tariffs on India from August 7, Monday's statement indicates New Delhi's growing frustration with the U.S.'s increasingly offensive positions against India, including on immigration, trade negotiations, Operation Sindoor and Pakistan, and India's BRICS membership. It is unclear how and to what extent the government is prepared to stand up to the bullying tactics of Mr. Trump. Mr. Trump said on Tuesday that India has not been a "good trading partner" – a possible reference to trade talks and the failure of a mini-deal, ostensibly over India's resistance on agricultural market access, dairy products and GM foods.

While it is hoped that New Delhi will continue to engage Washington and Brussels to conclude their respective trade talks, the MEA statement is meant to make a larger point. Neither the U.S. nor the EU can decide which country India will partner or trade with. That message is being underlined in visits by Security Adviser Ajit Doval and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to Moscow, to prepare for the Russian President's visit to India later this year. India's sovereignty is non-negotiable and its foreign policy choices cannot be manipulated by other countries, no matter how significant their own ties with India are.

Dangerous turn

Trump must stay the course on diplomacy to end the Ukraine war

President Donald Trump's announcement that he has ordered "two nuclear submarines to be positioned in appropriate regions", in response to the "provocative statements" by former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, marks a dangerous turn in the U.S.-Russia relationship which the Republican leader had pledged to repair in the run-up to his election late last year. Mr. Medvedev, now the Deputy Chairman of Russia's Security Council, had said that Mr. Trump's threats of imposing tariffs on Russia were "a step towards war". Mr. Trump did not specify whether he has moved submarines capable of launching intercontinental ballistic missiles with nuclear warheads, or nuclear-powered boats equipped with conventional weapons. In recent weeks, Mr. Trump has expressed growing frustration with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin over the Ukraine war. Initially, he gave Mr. Putin a 50-day deadline to end the war or face American tariffs. On July 29, this was shortened to 10 to 12 days. Mr. Trump has also threatened secondary "penalty" tariffs on countries that trade with Russia such as India and China.

Mr. Trump's frustration is understandable. He pressured Ukraine into accepting a ceasefire proposal. His Defence Secretary publicly stated that Ukraine would not be taken into NATO. Yet, the most that he managed to extract from Mr. Putin was a limited truce in the Black Sea and a temporary pause in attacks on Ukrainian infrastructure. At the heart of the impasse are the divergent views in western capitals and Moscow on how to end the war. While western leaders insist on an immediate ceasefire, Moscow believes that this should be part of a comprehensive peace agreement addressing its core security concerns, including NATO's eastward expansion. Russia also finds little incentive to de-escalate at a time when its troops have strategic momentum. Ukraine has carried out deadly drone attacks on several Russian cities, but on the battlefield, is struggling to hold the line. Besides, Mr. Trump's decision to bomb Iran on behalf of Israel, at a time when Tehran was technically in talks with the U.S., appears to have hardened Russia's position. Nevertheless, diplomatic setbacks are not an excuse for nuclear sabre-rattling. The last thing the world wants today is a direct conflict between the U.S. and Russia. Instead of escalating the crisis, Mr. Trump must reflect on why America's current approach – combining sanctions against Russia with military support for Ukraine – has failed to deter Mr. Putin. His initial turn towards diplomacy was a step in the right direction. He must stay the course and narrow the gap between the western and Russian positions on ending the war.

India's presence amid a broken template of geopolitics

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It is time for India to punch its weight and enhance its global presence at a time when global geopolitics is being reset. But, as of now, it is not moving India's way.

Operation Sindoor was a reality check when many of India's strategic partners were not willing to call out Pakistan for harbouring United Nations-sanctioned terrorist groups and terrorists. It is now known that three of the perpetrators of the Pahalgam attack (April 22, 2025), who were eliminated recently, were Pakistanis belonging to the Lashkar-e-Taiba. While India's retaliation against terror camps in Pakistan was decisive, it struggled to get this narrative out in the face of United States President Donald Trump repeatedly claiming that it was he who had brought about a ceasefire using trade as a weapon – a claim contradicted by the Government in the recent parliamentary debate. In an unkind twist, Pakistan's Field Marshal Asim Munir was invited to lunch with Mr. Trump after Operation Sindoor. However, the U.S. designated The Resistance Front (TRF), which claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam attack, as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) and Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT). And in a welcome recognition, the report by the UN Security Council's Monitoring Team also named the TRF for the Pahalgam attack.

A path with Trump-created hurdles

But all is not well. On a historic day when the NISAR satellite (India-U.S. collaboration) was launched, Mr. Trump hit India with a 25% tariff. However, he made a purely trade issue, which could have been resolved in negotiations, into a geopolitical issue, threatening India by "substantially" raising tariffs for its importing Russian oil when Ukrainians are being killed by the "Russian War Machine." India was being trumped especially when Mr. Trump himself is a strong votary of U.S.-Russian rapprochement. While one can dismiss this as typical Trump-style last minute pressure, he has already called on U.S. companies not to invest in India but only in the U.S., and hire only Americans.

This comes on the heels of the U.S.'s lopsided security and trade deals with its Indo-Pacific allies and the European Union (EU). American tech giant Nvidia has been permitted by the U.S. to resume sales of its H20 AI chips to China, stopped earlier due to national security concerns. More time has been given to China to get the deal done. After getting bogged down in Ukraine and West Asia, the U.S. has less focus on East Asia. Consequently, if a broader geopolitical understanding between the U.S. and China on East Asia was to come about, it would constrict the space for India. East Asian countries are already hedging their bets.

The U.S.'s posturing on South Asia has not helped either. Growing U.S.-Pakistan relations have again become an irritant. Even if this is a reset in bilateral relations, the U.S. has displayed astonishing insensitivity to India's security concerns by praising Pakistan for counter-terrorism efforts, and regional stability. In Bangladesh, the U.S. had gone against Indian interests in supporting the ouster of Sheikh Hasina. In Myanmar, U.S. and European support for forces opposing the military government is destabilising India's north-east. After Galwan and Pahalgam, India's hope for better understanding and coordination with the U.S. on regional security interests has been belied. Mutual trust is being rapidly eroded.

> To get its economic and technological trajectory right, India needs to get its geopolitics right

Acting in concert with the U.S., the EU is targeting India's import-led energy security at a time when India is negotiating an India-EU Broad-based Trade and Investment Agreement. The EU has sanctioned India's Vadinar Refinery, where Russian Rosneft has a large stake, knowing full well that stopping Russian oil into India will lead to huge pressure on oil prices. On the other hand, Hungary, Slovakia, Belgium, Spain and others are importing Russian oil, through pipelines and as LNG, by securing exemptions or under existing contracts. Europe receives 51% of Russian LNG exports. The EU's carbon border tax and digital and other trade barriers on India remain. India hopes that the recently concluded India-U.K. Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) will force the EU to climb down from its asks in its trade negotiations.

China's moves

All this has given China an opportunity to, once again, become active in India's neighbourhood. China has proposed new groupings and new deals to keep India out. For example, China's meeting with Pakistan and Bangladesh in Kunming on June 19, 2025 proposed formalising a trilateral initiative, but Bangladesh has not agreed. China is also helping Bangladesh revive a Second World War airbase at Lalmonirhat which is close to the Siliguri Corridor. China's support to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor was extensive. China has also standardised Mandarin names for locations within Arunachal Pradesh. And it wants to seize the future of the institution of the Dalai Lama from India. Riding on a huge trade surplus with India, China is squeezing India's crucial supply chains such as rare earths, fertilizers, Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients, tunnel boring machines and technical personnel. More worrying is the planned construction of China's largest dam in Tibet on the Yarlung Zangbo (Tibetan name for the Brahmaputra), which is near the Indian border. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to the Maldives has been timely given China's influence.

To counterbalance an unpredictable, and even unreliable, U.S., an unresponsive EU and an aggressive China, India is carrying out a tightrope act. It has prioritised accelerating the current thaw in relations with China to reset equations after the Galwan conflict – despite there being no move towards de-escalation on the border after the initial disengagement in October 2024.

Further, India should seriously rethink its stand to remain on the margins of global conflicts. India has been largely silent, if not openly pro-Israel, on the ongoing Israel-Gaza war – an unfolding multidimensional human tragedy. India was also largely silent on the recent Israel-Iran conflict and American bombings, despite important relations with both warring parties and huge stakes in the Gulf. Though it rightly abstained on the UN votes on the Ukraine conflict, its overall approach of not taking a proactive stand on world conflicts may hurt its larger interests and diminish its geopolitical clout as long as it remains on the sidelines. Operation Sindoor has shown India that if it seeks a greater engagement of its partners with its conflicts and issues, India needs to engage more with their conflicts and issues.

Some argue that India should keep its head down and focus on becoming the third largest economy and that a larger geopolitical role may hurt its economic growth. The contrary is true. In a fragmenting world order, geopolitics, coercion and threats and protectionism are determining economic and technological outcomes – not most favoured nation or free trade or multilateral World Trade Organization-led trade norms. Therefore, to get its economic and technological trajectory right, India needs to get its geopolitics right.

The road ahead

Realising that the geopolitical space is shrinking, India is finally breaking free and has objected to the "targeting". It has called out the double-speak of the U.S. and the EU under the guise of safeguarding their economic interests – the EU for larger trade in goods and services with Russia than India in 2024, and the U.S. for importing Russian uranium, palladium, fertilizers and chemicals. India's call for a ceasefire in Gaza (it abstained on a similar UN General Assembly resolution two months ago), is a realisation that it needs to be assertive in global conflicts to preserve its strategic autonomy. Facing an erosion of trust with the U.S. and a U.S.-China deal, India needs to clinch an India-U.S. trade deal soon to prevent a further deterioration of relations and to persuade Mr. Trump to travel to India for the Quad summit (India-U.S.-Japan-Australia).

After Mr. Trump's outburst, it is a moot point whether India will revive the RIC (Russia-India-China). However, greater engagement with BRICS (2026 summit in India), the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and with East Asia (having missed the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership bus), will only reinforce India's policy of multi-alignment and push back those who constrain it. No more can India just put our head down, mind its own economic business and expect to grow. That template is now broken.

The technocratic calculus of India's welfare state

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With a billion Aadhaar enrollments, 1,206 schemes integrated into the Direct Benefit Transfer system, and 36 grievance portals across States/Union Territories, India's welfare orientation is transitioning into a technocratic calculus. The promise to deliver social welfare at scale, bypassing leaky pipelines and eliminating ghost beneficiaries, might have led to a 're-casting' that delivers 'efficiency' and 'coverage' at the cost of 'democratic norms' and 'political accountability'.

An offloading

Are we witnessing the emergence of a post-rights based welfare regime? Is the Indian digital welfare state headed towards a systemic impasse? What is the technocratic calculus behind all this? Recent game-theoretic work shows that technocratic rule thrives where parties are polarised. Evidently, our questions have changed. We have shifted from "who deserves support and why?" to "how do we minimise leakage and maximise coverage?" Our politicians across party lines have rationally offloaded hard-choices onto data-driven algorithms without questioning the complexities of constitutional values.

Contextualising Habermas's 'technocratic consciousness' and Foucault's 'governmentality', India's welfare architecture is increasingly shaped by measurable, auditable, and depoliticised rationality. Schemes such as E-SHRAM and PM KISAN embody a uni-directional, innovation-led logic that is streamlined, measurable, and intolerant of ambiguity or error. Conversely, we have deliberative calls for participatory planning and local feedback embodying the long forgotten core of democratic thinking resonating Giorgio Agamben's notion of homo sacer – a life stripped of political agency.

Seemingly, welfare, in the contemporary context, has ceased to exist as a site of democratic deliberations. On a microscopic level, a rights-bearing citizen has been replaced by the auditable beneficiary. Thus, it calls for an urgent need for the state to revisit (in a Rancierean sense) whether it is curating who is visible, who can complain, and whose suffering is computable. Despite claims of a 'socialistic state', we observe a decade-low decline in India's social sector spending that has dwindled to 17% in 2024-25 from the 2014-24 average of 21%. Further, there are some interesting observations beyond plain statistics. Key social sector schemes have borne the brunt of such decline where minorities, labour, employment, nutrition and social security welfare saw a significant decline from 11% (in the pre-COVID-19 phase) to 3% (in post-COVID-19 phase).

> The promise to deliver social welfare at scale, using data-driven algorithms, may be at the cost of 'democratic norms' and 'political accountability'

Parallely, social commentators often comment the Right to Information (RTI) regime to be in 'existential crisis' and further uncovering the cloak on RTI exposes a critical issue within the institution of dysfunctional information commissions. As of June 30, 2024, the number of pending cases crossed the four lakh tally across 29 Information Commission's (ICs), and eight CIC posts were vacant (annual report of CIC, 2023-24).

The Indian welfare regime must recover its capacity for reflexivity and situated knowledge, elements that are very peculiar to gram sabhas and frontline bureaucratic discretions. To draw Rancière's critique on democracy, we highlight one major impending concern, that "democracy depends on whose suffering is rendered visible and contestable, not merely computable". This concern is further highlighted in Justice D.Y Chandrachud's Aadhaar dissent (2018), that warned precisely against such decontextualisation of identity which served as a caution against reducing citizens to disembedded, machinic data who are devoid of care, context, or even constitutional assurance in some cases.

Another instance of algorithmic insulation

Another worrisome trend is the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System's flattening of the federal hierarchies into ticket-tracking systems. Although it is a novel initiative resolving tickets and routing complaints across state agencies, empirical data show that lakhs of grievances were disposed of between 2022-24. But on a closer examination it might just be centralising the visibility but not the responsibility – a form of algorithmic insulation that renders political accountability increasingly elusive.

These observations are not to dismiss the value of such initiatives. Rather, they invite a deeper conversation on how welfare governance can evolve for a more resilient and responsive state. The government should now think along the lines of 'democratic antifragility' so that our systems built on perfect data and flawless infrastructure do not fail catastrophically under stress (consider Taleb's 'hyper-integrated systems').

We need to empower States to design context-sensitive regimes where federalism and welfare push for pluralism as a feature. Institutionalising community-driven impact audits (as reiterated by the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty), by looping in the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan and Gram Panchayat Development Plans should be the core target. All States must be made capable to build platform cooperatives where self-help groups act as intermediaries; functionally, lessons can be learnt from Kerala's Kudumbashree. Civil society must be incentivised to invest in grass-roots political education and legal aid clinics in order to strengthen the community accountability mechanisms. Lastly, it is time we strengthen and codify our offline fall-back mechanisms, human feedback safeguards, and statutory bias audits by embedding the "right to explanation and appeal" – as proposed by the UN Human Rights for digital governance systems.

Focus on the citizen

We, as citizens of India, must realise that a welfare state stripped of democratic deliberations is a machine that works efficiently for everyone except those it is meant to help. For a Viksit Bharat we will have to reorient digitisation with democratic and anti-fragile principles so that citizens become partners in governance, and not mere entries in a ledger.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A tariff deluge

It is disturbing to read about the tensions between the United States and India on the issue of Russian oil and trade. The U.S. should understand one point — America's enemy is not India's enemy. Despite this, if the U.S. still forces India to forego the use of Russian oil, India can oblige. But in reciprocation, the U.S. should offset the discounted amount that Russia gives to India for its oil. This is not the first time that the U.S. is arm-twisting India. A few years ago, India was nagged the same way to drop the use of Iran's oil in total. For an energy-guzzling country such as India, with a population of 1.4 billion people, its interests should be the centre when adopting policies. India must balance its interests, financially and politically.

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In Parliament

Parliament must see discussion, dissent, debate and fully informed decision, but what we see now is the negation of what it is meant for. The government of the day has the prime responsibility to be accommodative and not let things deteriorate.

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Eighty years on from Hiroshima

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writes on politics and international relations

At 8:15 a.m. on August 6, 1945, a nuclear bomb exploded just above Hiroshima, instantly killing at least 70,000 people. Another 70,000 died of injuries and radiation sickness before the year ended. Three days later, a second weapon exploded over Nagasaki, killing 40,000 on the day. In the 80 years since, nuclear weapons have not been detonated again in anger even though the possessor states have swelled from one to nine, and the number and sophistication of the weapons has increased considerably. A norm of non-use appears to have been established. However, norms – shared expectations of behaviour – are not immutable. Recent developments including hostilities involving nuclear possessors, an undermining of the global rules-based and treaties-based order, and nuclear modernisation are putting the norm of non-use under immense strain.

Lessons from 1945

Arguably, no one has worked more passionately to eliminate nuclear weapons entirely than the Hibakusha, the survivors of the atomic attacks. Their testimony created a powerful moral and ethical case against nuclear use, reminding us of the human consequences of – arguably for some – a demonstration of American resolve and technological prowess. Yet the respect that they are accorded today was hard won. Japan was under American occupation after the war, and information on the effects of the nuclear bombings was suppressed. According to one survivor from Nagasaki, shortly after the bombing, U.S. Brig Gen Thomas Farrell announced that all those affected by the attack had died and that there were no continuing effects of the bomb. Relief centres were shut down. An additional 50,000 people died by December without understanding what ailed them.

Knowledge about radiation sickness became widespread in Japan only after a fishing boat, Fukuryu Maru, was accidentally exposed to nuclear fallout. The U.S.'s 1954 thermonuclear test, codenamed Castle Bravo, ended up twice as powerful as estimated, spreading radioactive ash well beyond the officially designated warning zone and to the vessel floating 86 miles away from the test site. All crew members fell seriously ill from acute radiation poisoning. Thus it was that nine years after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that Japan began to understand the nature of radiation sickness: the bomb killed not just by explosion, instantly, but painfully, over time. The survivors then grouped together as the Nihon Hidankyo and fanned the globe to educate people on the horrors of their experience.

It is debatable whether the norm of non-use owes more to the moral and ethical case against nuclear use made by the Hibakusha or by the logic of nuclear deterrence. 'What deters' is a question that has occupied policymakers for decades. And while the total number of nuclear weapons has fallen from their Cold War peak, today's nukes are more sophisticated and designed for use in a range of situations. Much money and effort has been spent in developing more 'useable' nukes. It is difficult to know whether to worry more about a thermonuclear weapon that could destroy a city several times over, or to fear tactical weapons that are designed to target a specific location with deadly accuracy. For 80 years we have decided that nuclear weapons are beyond the pale: any nuclear use now would let the genie out of the bottle.

The norm of non-use

Ultimately, the norm of non-use rests on a conscious decision to brand nuclear weapons as different. There is no legal basis for the circumscribing of their use. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) limits the spread of nukes; the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty bans nuclear tests; neither prohibits use. (The 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons has not been signed by any nuclear possessor.) However, the NPT's exhortation to nuclear states to work towards total nuclear disarmament "in good faith" puts the weapons in a separate category. The International Court of Justice's 1996 advisory opinion on nuclear weapons constrains their use by stating that the use or threat of use "would generally be contrary" to humanitarian and other international law, even though the Court was unable to reach a clear decision on their legality. Together, these treaties shore up the norm of non-use, without legally proscribing them.

Against this backdrop, recent nuclear threats bandied about by Russia over Ukraine have severely tested the special categorisation of nukes. Closer home, during Operation Sindoor, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that India "will not tolerate any nuclear blackmail". A "limited" operation appears to have escalated quickly to acquire a nuclear element.

We are influenced by the Hibakusha's testimony today only because Fukuryu Maru's misfortune connected radiation sickness to nukes. It is also unlikely to be a coincidence that the Nihon Hidankyo were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2024 for their disarmament efforts after the nuclear genie reared its head in Europe. They had been nominated multiple times, but it took almost 70 years for the survivors' efforts to be recognised.

Eighty years after nuclear weapons were used in anger, we are in danger of slipping into complacency over nuclear use. It took the miscalculation of America's thermonuclear test for the truth about nuclear fallout to become widely understood. We should not wait for another misstep before the dangers of nuclear miscalculation are appreciated again.

Recent developments are putting the norm of non-use under immense strain

Justice delayed yet again

Two recent verdicts speak poorly of state investigating agencies

STATE OF PLAY

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Last week, a special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court acquitted all the seven accused, including BJP MP Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur, in the 2008 Malegaon blasts case. Six people were killed and 95 injured in the bombing that had struck the Muslim-majority town in Maharashtra.

The case, which was investigated by two different agencies, triggered accusations of 'saffron terror'. All the accused were charged by the Maharashtra Anti Terrorism Squad (ATS) in 2008 of being 'Hindutva extremists'. The trial was controversial as Rohini Salian, the former special public prosecutor, had alleged in 2015 that the government had put pressure on her, through the NIA, to "go soft" on the accused.

The case was initially probed by ATS chief Hemant Karkare, who was gunned down by terrorists during the November 26, 2008, terror attack on Mumbai. Eventually, it was handed over to the NIA.

While acquitting the seven accused, the court pointed out several lapses in the investigation and criticised the NIA for presenting 'inconclusive', 'unreliable', and 'legally inadmissible' evidence. It said that there were procedural lapses in the invocation of stringent laws such as the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999, and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. It added that the investigators had failed to link the motorcycle, allegedly used in the crime, to Ms. Thakur; that there were problems with witness statements; and that

there was no proof that Lt Col Prasad Purohit (retired) or the right-wing outfit, Abhinav Bharat, was linked to the blast.

In the order, Special Judge A.K. Lahoti observed, "The testimony of prosecution witnesses is riddled with material inconsistencies and contradictions. Such discrepancies undermine the credibility of the prosecution's case and fall short of establishing the guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubt." While he said that terrorism has no religion, the Special Judge also added that a court cannot convict someone based on mere perception.

Civil society members were critical of the verdict given the allegations that it was politically driven; and also since it came on the back of another verdict acquitting all the accused in another blast case.

On July 21, the Bombay High Court acquitted all the 12 accused in the 2006 serial bomb blasts case. Seven explosions had ripped through Mumbai's local trains on the evening of July 11, 2006, killing 189 people and seriously injuring 824. The coordinated blasts had scarred the estimated 70 lakh people of Mumbai who use the local trains, often dubbed the city's lifeline, every day. Many victims feared taking the local train again.

This case too was riddled with controversies. While the Maharashtra ATS, which had conducted the probe from the beginning, claimed that the attacks were the handiwork of the Lashkar-e-Taiba and the Students' Islamic Movement of India, several other investigating agencies, including the NIA, claimed that the Indian Mujahideen had carried out the terror attacks.

While acquitting the 12 accused, the High Court laid bare the inconsistencies, loopholes, and lapses in the probe by the Maharashtra ATS. It asked how key witness statements were recorded after an unexplained delay of 100 days. It questioned the trustworthiness and credibility of witnesses, highlighted deep flaws in both the investigation as well as prosecution, and demanded to know why the circumstantial evidence, such as call detail records, which the investigators had relied on so much, was inconclusive. It pointed out that the witness statements were delayed and inconsistent; that there were procedural lapses and coercion allegations about the confessions retrieved; that there was no proof of actual explosives used; and that the chain of custody of the recoveries was broken. The High Court also rapped the trial court for the conviction order.

The judgments on two terror cases in India have left the victims, who have had to wait for nearly two decades for verdicts, without a sense of justice. The investigations raise serious questions about India's criminal justice system and specifically about the accountability of investigating agencies. Who are the agencies answerable to, for their contradictory claims and shoddy procedures, which have allowed extremist organisations to get away with such terrible crimes in Maharashtra? And when – if at all they do – will the victims of these blasts get a sense of closure?

Bihar electoral rolls after SIR show concerning trends

Preliminary analysis hints at higher voter deletions in Muslim-majority districts and possibly high out-migration areas

DATA POINT

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On August 1, the draft electoral rolls for Bihar, following the completion of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise, were released. A total of 7.24 crore electors are part of the latest electoral rolls – over 56 lakh electors fewer than the rolls prepared in January this year. According to the Election Commission of India, the voters who are not part of the August list have died, or are registered in two locations, or have permanently migrated out of Bihar, or are untraceable.

A district-wise analysis of the August electoral rolls shows that there was a tendency of a higher number of deletions from the rolls in districts with larger Muslim populations (2011 Census). **Chart 1** plots the difference in the number of electors in the August rolls compared to the January rolls, on the horizontal axis. This serves as a measure of deletions from the January rolls. On the vertical axis, we have plotted the districts' Muslim population share. In essence, we have plotted Muslim population against deletion in the SIR.

The chart shows a moderate positive correlation (Pearson correlation r ≈ 0.43), indicating that districts with a higher Muslim population generally saw more deletions. But confirming whether Muslims were disproportionately deleted in the revised rolls calls for a more granular analysis.

On the other hand, there is negative correlation (r ≈ -0.46) in the change in electors compared to the share of Scheduled Caste (SC) population, district-wise **(Chart 2)**. That is, districts with a higher SC population tend to have lower number of deletions. However, the earlier note of caution applies to this case as well.

A district-wise analysis of the August electoral rolls also shows that, in general, the higher the possible number of out-migrants from a district, the more the number of deletions from the roll. This confirms one of the ECI's reasons for the deletions – out-migration.

We used female turnout relative to the electorate in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections as a proxy to measure district-wise out-migration in Bihar. We did this because, in 2024, Bihar stood out among the States that had a higher female-to-male voters ratio, despite having a lower female-to-male electorate ratio **(Chart 3)**. This means that in Bihar, more women than men turned out to vote in absolute numbers even though there were more registered male electors. While there might be other factors explaining this gendered variation, the difference suggests that fewer men were available to vote despite being registered. Historically, Bihar is one of the largest sources of out-migration, which could explain the lower male turnout.

Chart 4 plots the district-wise 'out-migration index' on the vertical axis. This compares women's share among all voters (male plus female) to their share among all electors in the 2020 polls*. A positive value indicates more women voters turned out to vote in comparison to men despite higher male elector registration numbers. This is what we use as a proxy for higher out-migration. Chart 4 also plots the difference in the number of electors on the horizontal axis. In essence, we plot out-migration against deletion in the SIR.

The trend line shows that there is a moderate positive correlation (r ≈ 0.40). This means that in districts with higher out-migration, there seems to be more deletion of electors. However, this does not mean that deletions occurred exactly along gender lines, to remove possible male migrants from the rolls. In a subsequent Data Point, we will examine the deletions further in light of these findings.

Troubling correlations

The data for the charts were sourced from the Election Commission of India and the 2011 Census

Chart 1: Difference between number of electors in August and January rolls (%) vs. share of Muslims (%) in Bihar's districts

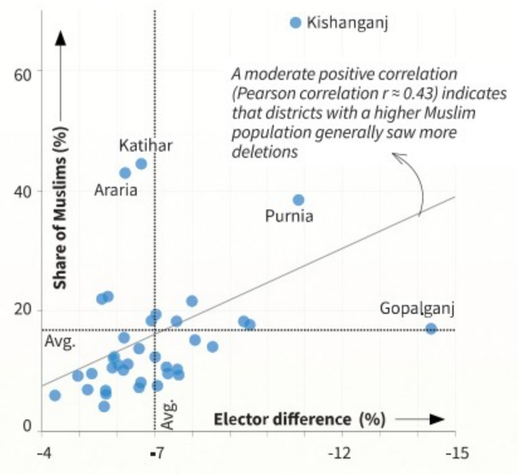
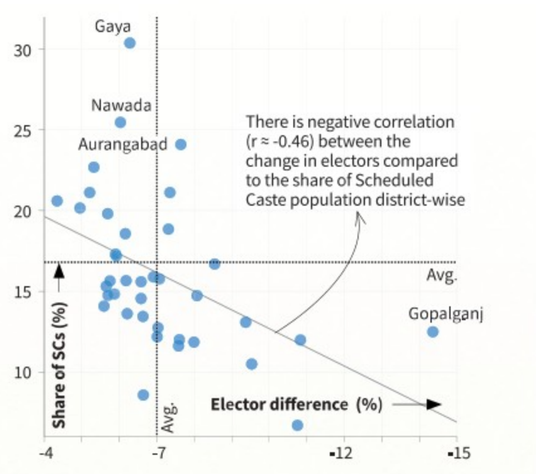


Chart 2: Difference between number of electors in August and January rolls (in %) against share of SCs in Bihar's districts (in %)



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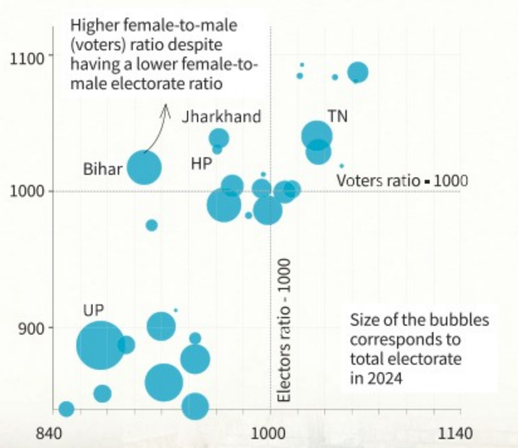

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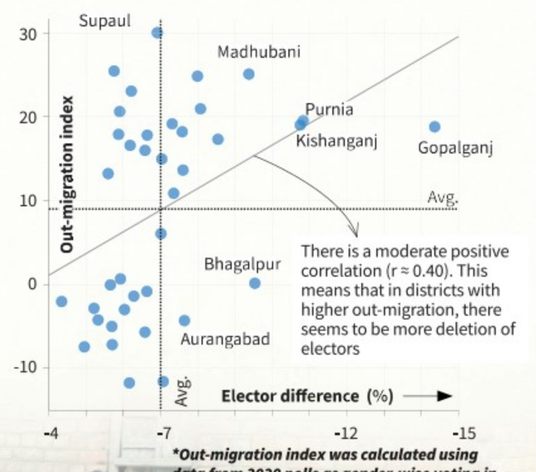


*Out-migration index was calculated using data from 2020 polls as gender-wise voting in Assembly seats was not available in 2024

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 6, 1975

Police raid 'bogus' crossword puzzle firms

New Delhi, Aug. 5: The office premises of 12 "bogus" firms allegedly cheating a large number of innocent persons through false crossword puzzle contests were to-day raided by the Crime Branch of the Delhi Police in different parts of the city. "Proprietors" of two such firms, Chander Prakash of Rani Bagh and Sarinder Kumar of Anand Nagar were arrested on charges of cheating, according to a press note issued by the Delhi Police. The modus operandi of these rucketeers was to collect the postal addresses of a large number of people, the press note said. The "firm" would prepare a complete list of these people with their postal addresses and despatch literature regarding the crossword puzzle contest. For the first second and third prize winners, attractive articles such as motor cycles, tape recorders and transistors were offered as prizes. The puzzle contest would be so simple that anyone would be able to solve it without much mental exercise. Once the contestant despatched his puzzle entry he would fall in the trap of the racketeer. In due course of time the firm would inform all the contestants that they had won the first prize. All the winners were asked to send Rs. 50 as licence fee package and postal charges to enable the firm to despatch transistors to firms. In fact, a very inferior quality locally manufactured transistor would be sent to each one of them by VPP for Rs. 125. Invariably, the contestant would have already shelled out a sum of Rs. 48 to take delivery of the prize. He would thus be cheated by over Rs. 100 as the cost of the transistor will not be more than Rs. 70 to 73.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 6, 1925

Gandhiji on Ayurvedic physicians

Cawnpore, Aug. 5: The All-India Ayurveda Mahamandal has passed a resolution protesting against Gandhiji's remarks on Ayurvedic physicians, in a recent issue of 'Young India', that the majority of them are mere quacks and have no humility in them. The Mahamandal regrets that the statement should have emanated from the President of the very body (the Congress) which every year urges that the indigenous system of medicine should be revived and encouraged throughout the country.

From Page One

Flash floods leave four dead in Uttarakhand

The administration has also set up relief camps for those affected. Hospitals in the area have been asked to reserve a separate wing for the treatment of injured people, and medical teams have been asked to be ready with beds, oxygen, and medicines.

"There has been heavy destruction in the area around the Harshil helipad, another popular tourist spot which also houses an Army and ITBP camp. Teams of State Disaster Response Force, Army and ITBP were immediately rushed to the spot to carry out rescue operations on a war footing," Mr. Arya said.

Given the poor weather conditions and further predictions of heavy rains over the next couple of days, the administration has announced that all schools will be shut on July 6. Disaster management officials have been asked to use loudspeakers and sirens to alert people living in villages near the river, in the Chilyanisaur, Bhatwari, and Dunda blocks, asking them to evacuate their homes for safer locations. Trekking permits in Uttarkashi have also been denied until further notice.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami condoled the losses and ordered the administration to ensure speedy rescue and rehabilitation. "I am in constant contact with senior officials, and the situation is being closely monitored. I pray to God for everyone's safety," the CM said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah also spoke to Mr. Dhami and took stock of the situation and the rescue operation. The Union government has assured the State of its help in the rescue efforts.

2 die in M.P. after fall at overcrowded religious meet

The Hindu Bureau
BHOPAL

Two women were killed and three people injured after a number of devotees fell during an overcrowded religious gathering in Madhya Pradesh's Sehore district on Tuesday, the police said.

According to the police, the incident took place around noon at Kubereshwar Dham of religious preacher Pradip Mishra.

Mr. Mishra is scheduled to take out a Kanwar Yatra and had called upon devotees to join him, resulting in large crowds at the ashram.

Sehore Additional Superintendent of Police Sunita Rawat told *The Hindu* that during the distribution of *rudraksha* (prayer beads), a woman in the front of a queue fainted and collapsed, due to which some others also fell. "There was no stampede but some people in a queue had fallen, leading to the incident," Ms. Rawat said.

Trump says he will hike tariff on India 'over next 24 hours'

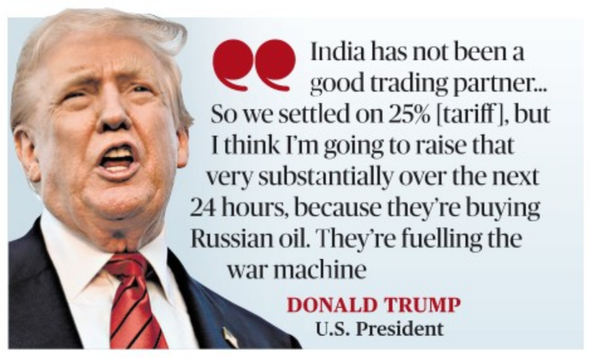
U.S. President reiterates charges about New Delhi buying Russian oil, saying 'they are fuelling the war machine'; he says the U.S. does 'very little business with India because their tariffs are so high'

Press Trust of India
NEW YORK

U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday said India had not been a good trading partner, and announced that he would raise the tariffs on the country "very substantially" over the next 24 hours because it is buying Russian oil.

"With India, what people don't like to say about India, they're the highest tariff nation. They have the highest tariff of anybody. We do very, very little business with India because their tariffs are so high," he said in an interview with CNBC Squawk Box.

"India has not been a good trading partner, because they do a lot of business with us, but we don't do business with them. So we settled on 25% [tariff], but I think I'm going to raise that very substantially over the next 24 hours, because they're buying Russian oil. They're fuelling the war machine. And if they're going to do that, then I'm not going to be happy," he added.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DONALD TRUMP
U.S. President

'Sticking point'

Asked about a likely trade deal with India, Mr. Trump said the "sticking point" with India was that its tariffs were too high. "Now I will say this, India went from the highest tariffs ever, they will give us zero tariffs... But that's not good enough, because of what they're doing with oil."

A day earlier, Mr. Trump said he would "substantially" raise U.S. tariffs on India, accusing the country of buying massive amounts of Russian oil and selling it for big profits.

Hours later, India mounted a sharp counter-attack on the U.S. and the European Union for their "unjustified and unreasonable" targeting of New Delhi for its procurement of Russian crude oil. India pointed out the double standards in targeting it on the issue and said both the U.S. and the EU are continuing their trade with Russia. "Unlike our case, such trade is not even a vital national compulsion," the External Affairs Ministry said in a statement.

The Europe-Russia trade includes not just energy but also fertilizers, mining products, chemicals, iron and steel, and machinery and transport equipment, it said. "Where the U.S. is concerned, it continues to import from Russia uranium hexafluoride for its nuclear industry, palladium for its EV industry, fertilizers as well as chemicals," it added.

"In this background, the targeting of India is unjustified and unreasonable. Like any major economy, India will take all necessary measures to safeguard its national interests and economic security," the Ministry said.

U.S. exerting 'illegal' trade pressure on India: Russia

Reuters
MOSCOW

Russia accused the United States on Tuesday of exerting "illegal" trade pressure on India after U.S. President Donald Trump threatened again to raise tariffs on India over its purchases of Russian oil.

"We hear many statements that are in fact threats, attempts to force countries to cut trade relations with Russia. We do not consider such statements to be legal," Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

"We believe that sovereign countries should have and do have the right to choose their own trading partners, partners for trade and economic cooperation...," he said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has signalled no change in Russia's stance on the war, despite the looming deadline on August 8. India has called Mr. Trump's threats "unjustified".

In top court, Centre rejects any move to lower age of consent

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Govt. warns that reducing it to 16 years from existing 18 will lead to trafficking problems

The Union government has objected before the Supreme Court to any move to reduce the age of consent under child protection laws from 18 to 16, warning that such a change would open the floodgates to trafficking and other forms of child abuse under the garb of assent.

"Introducing a legislative close-in-age exception or reducing the age of consent would irrevocably dilute the statutory presumption of vulnerability that lies at the heart of child protection law," the Centre, represented by Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati, clarified in written submissions placed on record.

To buttress its argument, the Centre cited a 2007 Ministry of Women and Child Development study which found that 53.22% of children reported facing one or more forms of sexual abuse. It noted that in 50% of these cases, the abusers were persons in positions of trust or authority, including parents, relatives, neighbours, and school staff.

"The report concluded that children are particularly vulnerable when the offender is a known figure, as the abuse is concealed, normalised, or silenced through emotional manipulation or fear," the Centre explained.

The Centre's position is in contrast to that of senior advocate and amicus curiae Indira Jaising, who has argued before the court that consensual sexual activity between adolescents aged 16 to 18 should not be classified as "abuse" or criminalised under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Ms. Jaising urged the court to read a "close-in-age exception" into the law, which would apply to consensual sexual activity where both individuals are adolescents aged between 16 and 18.

India may change stance amid U.S. tariffs, EU sanctions over Russian oil

NEWS ANALYSIS

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NEW DELHI

The statement by the Ministry of External Affairs on Monday, defending India's purchases of Russian oil, is its most explicit since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, making it clear that India will take "all necessary measures" to safeguard its interests.

The MEA's response followed the new threats by U.S. President Donald Trump to impose penalty tariffs over and above the massive 25% reciprocal tariffs the U.S. will impose on Indian goods as tariffs kick in worldwide on Thursday.

On Monday, Mr. Trump said India was selling "massive amounts" of Russian oil for "big profits" without "caring how many people in Ukraine are being killed by the Russian war machine", which was why he would raise tariffs "substantially".

The MEA statement called out both the U.S. and the European Union for their double standard, given they themselves continued to purchase Russian energy, critical minerals, fertilizers, iron and steel.

Weighing options: India could continue to buy crude from Russia or seek alternative partners. FILE PHOTO

The statement left other double standard unsaid, such as the U.S. and Europe's funding and arming Israel's war in Gaza, that has led to the killing of at least 60,000 Palestinians. Nor did it point out that the U.S. has not announced penalties on China, a bigger buyer of Russian oil.

This marks a shift from the past when New Delhi's response to low-impact U.S. and E.U. sanctions of Indian companies for Russian transactions was submissive. In 2017, the Modi government agreed to "zero out" all its oil imports from Iran and Venezuela after threats from the previous Trump administration.

Changing tack

The MEA's statement could indicate that it is prepared to change to a third tack – that of considering "measures" against any further costs imposed by the West, even though Indian oil companies have begun reducing their Russian intake. These measures, according to experts could be three-fold: maintaining status quo, looking for alternative partners, and retaliatory actions.

The first option would be to continue to buy Russian energy and even double down on them, while weathering sanctions imposed by the U.S. and E.U., and continuing to pursue free trade agreements with both in the hope these would lessen such penalties. The next option, to search for alternative options for trading to circumvent U.S.-E.U. sanctions, could include moving to quickly conclude other FTA negotiations, ongoing with the GCC, EAEU, Australia, New Zealand and so on. It could also conclude talks on revising the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement or even a re-look at joining the 15-nation ASEAN-led Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership that India withdrew from in 2019, largely due to concerns about China. The third option, of counter-measures, could involve suspending talks with the E.U. on the BTIA, and with the U.S. on trade, nuclear energy, defence purchases and others until they prove more reasonable on the issue.

All eyes are now on whether the turbulence will impact the strongest pillar of India-U.S. ties – their shared Indo-Pacific strategy and the Quad summit that India is due to host this year.

India-Philippines ties elevated to strategic partnership, says PM

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India and the Philippines have decided to boost their defence and maritime links, begin direct flights, and start negotiating a new trade deal as they upgraded their ties to the level of a "strategic partnership", Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday.

Welcoming visiting Filipino President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr., Mr. Modi said that as both countries support "freedom of navigation", cooperation in the maritime domain is "natural and essential". The two sides also announced the commencement of talks for a preferential trade agreement.

"We have been consistently working together in areas such as humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, and search and rescue operations. Today, as the President is visiting India, three Indian naval ships are, for the very first time, participating in a naval exercise in the Philippines. India's hydrography ship is also a part of this important engagement," the Prime Minister said. He also expressed his "sincere gratitude" to the government of the Philippines for condemning the terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22.

The Prime Minister discussed regional and global issues with the Filipino President, and also hinted at India's position on the disputes in the South China Sea.

Mr. Modi described the Philippines as an "important partner" in India's Act East Policy.

"I am happy to share that we have decided to upgrade our ties to a strategic partnership. We have also prepared a detailed action plan to turn this partnership's potential into outcomes," he said. The Prime Minister also announced that direct flights between India and the Philippines will begin this year, while India will extend a free e-tourist visa facility to Filipino nationals for a period of one year, starting August 2025.

The two countries agreed on a number of defence-related mechanisms.

Officers who are honest must be protected: SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said a provision in the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 that mandates prior sanction before prosecuting public servants serves to protect honest bureaucrats from becoming victims of political vendetta after a regime change.

Section 17A of the Act bars any "enquiry or inquiry or investigation" against a public servant for recommendations made during official duties without approval from the competent authority. "Honest officers who do not toe the line after a change in government will be protected," the Bench observed.

ED records statement of Reliance ADAG Group chairman Anil Ambani

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday recorded the statement of Reliance ADAG Group chairman Anil Ambani in connection with an alleged bank loan fraud case involving the group companies.

Mr. Ambani reached the ED office in the national capital around 11 a.m. and got his statement recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

Seeks seven days

It is learnt that during the examination, various questions related to loan transactions were put to him. Mr. Ambani sought a period of seven days to furnish the requisite details and supporting documents to the probe agency.

Industrialist Anil Ambani arrives at the Enforcement Directorate office for questioning in a money laundering case on Tuesday. PTI

The ED summoned the businessman following searches at 35 locations of 50 companies and 25 individuals in the last week of July.

In a statement, Reliance Infrastructure had then said the issue pertained to an over 10-year-old matter regarding alleged diversion of ₹10,000 crore to an undisclosed related party, when the exposure as per the disclosures in the company's financial statements was around ₹6,500 crore.

"In this connection, attention is invited that Reliance Infrastructure had publicly disclosed this matter on February 9, 2025, nearly six months ago. Reliance Infrastructure Limited had a net exposure of around ₹6,500 crore which was duly disclosed in its financial statements since four years. Reliance Infrastructure diligently pursued recovery of its dues in this matter," it said.

"Through mandatory mediation proceedings conducted by a retired Supreme Court judge and the mediation award filed before the Bombay High Court, Reliance Infrastructure arrived at a settlement to recover its 100% exposure of around ₹6,500 crore," said the company, adding that Mr. Ambani was not on the Board of Reliance Infrastructure since March 2022.

DAC clears procurement proposals of ₹67,000 crore

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, sanctioned multiple procurement proposals worth nearly ₹67,000 crore to strengthen the nation's military preparedness.

According to Ministry of Defence, Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) was accorded for the Indian Army to procure Thermal Imager-based Driver Night Sight for BMP, a Soviet-era amphibious infantry fighting vehicle. The DAC has also accorded AoN for comprehensive annual maintenance contract of S-400 Long Range Air Defence Missile System.

Govt. can issue national IDs to citizens: Centre

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha was recently informed that the Citizenship Act, 1955 provides that the Union government should compulsorily register every citizen of India and issue national Identity Cards to them.

The Ministry of Home Affairs was responding to a question by Trinamool Congress member Mala Roy about details of cards, which, as per the court of law, is an admissible identity proof as an Indian citizen.

Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar, in a written reply, said the particulars of citizens are entered in the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

APPEAL

Sarojini is 4 years old, suffering from Large Perimembranous VSD. She is advised to undergo Closure of VSD (Heart Surgery). The surgery will be conducted at NAMAR HOSPITAL, Chennai. The Total expenditure of the treatment is **Rs.2,00,000/-**. Her parents are not willing to take care of her and her grandparents are looking after her. They are very poor and not in a position to meet the expenses. Please help the baby to undergo the surgery and lead a healthy life. The donations sent through Ch/D.D/M.O/NEFT Transfer & GOOGLE PAY(Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/C No.60182010063310, IFSC No.CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT.

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SC observations on Rahul 'unwarranted': INDIA bloc parties

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi

The INDIA bloc parties on Tuesday said the observations made by a sitting judge of the Supreme Court on Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, were "unwarranted".

On Monday, hearing a case regarding Mr. Gandhi's statement that China had taken over 2,000 sq. km of Indian territory, Justice Dipankar Datta observed, "How do you [Mr. Gandhi] get to know that 2,000 sq. km of Indian territory had been occupied by the Chinese? Were you there? Do you have any credible proof? If you are a true Indian, you would not say all these things."

On Tuesday morning, floor leaders of several parties of the INDIA bloc who met in the Parliament office of Congress president and Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, discussed the observation and issued a statement. Mr. Gandhi was present.

"All the leaders of the INDIA parties agreed that the sitting judge has made an extraordinary observation which is unwarranted on the democratic rights of political parties," the statement issued by the INDIA bloc parties said.

"It is the responsibility of political parties especially the Leader of Opposition to comment on issues of national interest. When a government fails so spectacularly to defend our borders, it is every citizen's moral duty to hold it accountable," it added.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said it does not fall within the purview of the judges of the top court to decide who is a true Indian. She said her brother had the highest respect for the Army and would never say anything against it.

(with PTI inputs)

NDA hails armed forces and PM for Operation Sindoor

At group meeting, PM criticises Opposition for insisting on debates about operation, asserting that it backfired on them; SC remarks on Rahul are significant, no greater reprimand, he says

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Big resolution: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Union Ministers Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah and others after the meeting. PTI

The National Democratic Alliance's parliamentary party group, meeting on Tuesday for the first time in over a year, felicitated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "exceptional leadership" and the armed forces for their valour during Operation Sindoor. Mr. Modi appeared combative as he addressed the group, saying that by demanding a debate on the operation, the Opposition had made a strategic misstep.

The meeting passed a resolution, moved by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, commending the armed forces for their valour and Mr. Modi's leadership during both Operation Sindoor and Operation Mahadev, which led to the death of the perpetrators of the Pahalgam attack.

Sources present at the meeting said Mr. Modi had criticised the Opposition for insisting on debates over Operation Sindoor. He reportedly described the demand as a strategic error, asserting that it had backfired.

"Where else will you find an Opposition that hits its own foot with a stone," the Prime Minister is reported to have said, according to sources.

On SC's remarks

He also referred to the recent remarks by the Supreme Court directed at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi regarding his statements on a purported Chinese land grab. Mr. Modi, sources said, viewed the top court's comments as significant. "There can be no greater reprimand than the one delivered by the Supreme Court yesterday," he is reported to have said.

Elaborating on the court's observations, he reportedly said, "What more can we say, when the Supreme Court itself has spoken. This isn't just stepping on a stone – this is inviting the bull to charge."

During the meeting, the Prime Minister suggested that Opposition-led debates ultimately favoured the NDA. "The Opposition should hold such debates every day. By demanding such discussions, the Opposition ended up shooting itself in the foot," he said.

He commended Union Home Minister Amit Shah for having achieved the longest tenure as Home Minister since India's Independence.

Following the passage of the resolution, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar posted on the social media platform X, "The NDA parliamentary party resolution adopted today is a strong and determined reaffirmation of India's commitment to peace and zero tolerance against terrorism. It also attests to the courage and bravery of our armed forces during Operation Sindoor and Operation Mahadev. India will - Give a fitting reply to any terror attack on India on its own terms, not tolerate nuclear blackmail, not differentiate between the government sponsoring terrorism and the masterminds of terrorism."

INBRIEF

RS clears resolution to extend President's Rule in Manipur

The Rajya Sabha cleared a statutory resolution on Tuesday extending President's Rule in Manipur for another six months. The Lok Sabha passed the resolution last week. The resolution came amid protests by Opposition members demanding a discussion on the special intensive revision of the electoral rolls in Bihar. Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai moved the resolution in the Upper House. He said the State witnessed only one incident of violence since the imposition of President's Rule. The Upper House also passed a resolution to amend the Second Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975.

Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar to be Trinamool's Chief Whip in LS

The Trinamool Congress accepted MP Kalyan Banerjee's resignation as Lok Sabha Chief Whip and named Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar as his replacement, in a clear signal to the party rank and file that statements outside the party line will not be tolerated. Four-time Trinamool MP and actor Satabdi Roy was appointed the Deputy Leader in the Lok Sabha. "It is a straightforward message to all, no distractions from the party agenda will be tolerated," a party leader said. Without naming anyone, Trinamool supremo Mamata Banerjee, at a meeting with party MPs on Monday, expressed displeasure with lack of coordination in the Lok Sabha team. Mr. Kalyan resigned from the post after the meeting.

Manifold increase in rabies deaths in two years: Centre

Though the number of presumptive cases of rabies in humans has come down from 4,885 in 2022 to 1,079 in 2024, the number of rabies deaths has increased manifold to 180 in 2024 from 22 in 2022, the Animal Husbandry Ministry informed the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. In 2024, the highest number of deaths was reported from Tamil Nadu (43), followed by Karnataka (42) and Andhra Pradesh (39). In 2023, 121 people died of rabies and 2,223 presumptive cases were reported, the Ministry said.

Work on Central Secretariat buildings to begin by Dec. 31

Union Urban Affairs Minister M.L. Khattar on Tuesday said construction of all 10 buildings of the Common Central Secretariat (CCS) would be over by mid-2027. The process of construction of all buildings would begin by December 31 and all 10 buildings of the CCS would be constructed in the next 22 months, Mr. Khattar said. He said that several Ministries housed in Shastri Bhavan, Krishi Bhavan, Nirman Bhavan and Udyog Bhavan in the national capital would soon shift to new locations on Kasturba Gandhi Marg, Minto Road, and Netaji Palace temporarily for two years

Deputy Chairman rejects Opposition's claim of CISF deployment in Rajya Sabha

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Harivansh

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh on Tuesday rejected the Opposition's charge that Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel had been deployed inside the House.

He castigated the Opposition for continued disruptions, questioning whether entering the Well of the House and disturbing other members could be termed a "democratic right of protest".

Mr. Harivansh was responding to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's letter from last week. Mr. Kharge, who is the Leader of the Opposition, had said that he was shocked to see CISF personnel blocking MPs from entering the Well of the House.

Mr. Harivansh's remarks led to a sharp exchange between the Opposition and Treasury benches. Mr. Kharge reiterated his allegation, and complained that the Opposition members were being treated as terrorists. He asked if the Chair or Union Home Minister Amit Shah, to whom the CISF reports, was conducting the House.

Strongly objecting to Mr. Kharge's remarks and the repeated disruptions, Union Minister J.P. Nadda, who is the Leader of the House, said the Opposition members should take tuition from him on how to function from the Opposition benches.

The Rajya Sabha witnessed its first adjournment at 11.45 a.m. Soon after it resumed at 2 p.m., the proceedings were adjourned for the day amid protests over the special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar.

Calling the continued disruption worrying, Mr. Harivansh said, "We members should self-introspect whether such actions enhance the dignity and decorum of the House."

Amid protests over SIR, Lok Sabha passes Bill for ST quota in Goa Assembly

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

This is the first Bill to be passed by the Lok Sabha in the Monsoon Session of Parliament

Amid disruptions by Opposition members over the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar, the Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed a Bill that seeks to provide reservations to Scheduled Tribes (ST) in the Goa Assembly.

This is the first Bill to be passed by the Lok Sabha in the Monsoon Session of Parliament amid the logjam over SIR in Bihar.

Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal moved the Readjustment of Representation of Scheduled Tribes in Assembly Constituencies of the State of Goa Bill, 2025 for consideration and passage, and the House passed it by a voice vote when it reassembled at 2 p.m. When the Lok Sabha met for the day at 11 a.m., Speaker Om Birla first paid tributes to three former members, including former Jharkhand Chief Minister Shibu Soren, who passed away on Monday. As soon as the obituary references were over, Opposition MPs, including those from the Congress, were on their feet, raising slogans and holding up placards.

When Mr. Birla tried to run the House by taking up the Question Hour, the protests intensified.

"Your behaviour and activities have lowered the dignity and honour of the House. You have been systematically obstructing the proceedings. This is not good," Mr. Birla said as he adjourned the House until 2 p.m. The Lok Sabha was finally adjourned for the day after the passage of the Bill for the Goa Assembly.

Earlier, before the start of Parliament, several MPs of the INDIA bloc parties, including Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, staged a protest in the Parliament House complex against SIR.

Speaking to presspersons, Congress leader and MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said the government's inability to run the House showed its "weakness".

Satya Pal Malik: last Governor of J&K who became a staunch critic of Modi

Anuj Kumar

SATYA PAL MALIK (1946-2025)

Satya Pal Malik, the last Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, who became a trenchant critic of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the 2021 farmer agitation, passed away in Delhi after a prolonged illness on Tuesday, the sixth anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370.

He is survived by his teacher-environmentalist wife, Iqbal Malik, and son Dev Kabir, a well-known graphic designer.

The seasoned grassroots politician from western Uttar Pradesh, who weathered many a political storm spanning over five decades, was ailing from kidney issues and was admitted to the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in May, hours after the CBI filed a chargesheet against him and five others in the ₹2,200-crore Kiru hydropower project case on alleged corruption charges.

Mr. Malik, 79, had strongly denied the charges, and called them politically motivated. In a social media post on June 7, he reiterated that he was being targeted because he supported the farmers' movement and women wrestlers' agitation against sexual harassment.

Earlier, in media interviews, he accused the government of engaging in a witch-hunt, claiming that he had informed the top leadership that he had been offered a bribe twice during his tenure as the J&K Governor and had been praised for his honesty. Following the abrogation of Article 370, which reduced the status of J&K to a Union Territory, Mr. Malik was transferred to Goa and subsequently to Meghalaya.

Not one to pull his punches, Mr. Malik was the only politician who openly spoke against the Modi government while holding a Constitutional post. After demitting office, Mr. Malik created a stir when he alleged that Mr. Modi had shut him up when he blamed the Centre's lapses for the deaths in the Pulwama attack in 2019, and highlighted the Home Ministry's refusal of an aircraft that had forced the convoy to travel by road.

Recently, he raised questions about Mr. Modi's handling of the Pahalgam attack. However, he remained neutral on Article 370 throughout, and said he signed on the dotted line set by the Centre.

His detractors viewed him as an opportunist who abandoned the party when he was superseded by another Jat and former Governor, Jagdeep Dhankhar, in the race for the Vice-President's chair. However, Mr. Malik maintained that it was a fight for his principles and the interests of farmers until the end.

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1004/12/2025-26/1935 Managing Director, PSWC

INBRIEF

Ex-Jharkhand CM Shibu Soren cremated at Nemra

The mortal remains of former Jharkhand Chief Minister Shibu Soren were consigned to flames by his elder son and Chief Minister Hemant Soren at their native village Nemra in Ramgarh district. People from near and far thronged the village to catch a last glimpse of the leader, who was fondly known as '*Dishom Guru*'. His body was laid on a flower-decked charpoy at his ancestral home, in adherence to full tribal customs. Near and dear ones queued up to offer shrouds, chadar, shawls, and bouquets. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and party leader Rahul Gandhi also travelled to the village to attend the funeral of the veteran tribal leader.

U.P. defends Bankey Bihari temple ordinance in SC

The Uttar Pradesh government maintained in the Supreme Court on Tuesday that it did not intend to interfere with religious rights by promulgating an ordinance taking over the management of the ancient Bankey Bihari temple at Vrindavan in Mathura. The State was responding to a query from a Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant on July 4 about its "undue haste" in bringing out the ordinance. Additional Solicitor General K.M. Nataraj, for Uttar Pradesh, said the ambit of the ordinance was limited to secular activities and administration of the temple. He said the ordinance was expected to be ratified in the State Assembly.

Restore special status, say J&K parties amid protests

They were marking the anniversary of Article 370 abrogation; BJP, on the other hand, celebrated the abrogation as a milestone that brought peace, development, and equal rights to the people

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Street protests by regional political parties and the demand for special status marked the sixth anniversary of the abrogation of provisions of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday.

The ruling National Conference (NC) organised street protests in several districts of J&K and demanded the restoration of special status. In Srinagar, NC leaders held a protest at the party headquarters at Nawa-i-Subah. They were carrying placards that read "August 5, 2019 is unacceptable to us".

"Force can be used to close our offices and confine our leaders. One cannot, however, imprison an idea. The people of J&K deserve dignity, democracy, and their rights. We live in a country known for its democracy that must reflect in Kashmir too," NC leader and MLA Salman Sagar said.

Another NC MLA, Ahsan Pardesi, termed August 5, 2019, "the darkest day for Indian democracy".

Opposition PDP also held street protests attended by all top leaders of the party. "August 5 marks a black day not just for Jammu and Kashmir, but for the entire nation. On this day, the Constitution was subverted not by foreign hands, but from within, by a brute majority in the heart of our democracy. The unconstitutional abrogation of J&K's special status was not an end, it was the beginning of a broader assault on constitutional values," PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said.

She said J&K was turned into a laboratory, its people disempowered, its land dispossessed, its demography targeted.

Congress supporters hold placards as they demand restoration of J&K Statehood in Srinagar on Tuesday. IMRAN NISSAR

Police action

The Congress accused the police of using force to stop them from holding a sit-in protest in Srinagar. "On August 5, the identity of the 1.40 crore people of J&K was stripped, and J&K was not only bifurcated, but degraded as well. This is a day of mourning for the people of J&K, and the Congress is observing it as a black day in all the 20 districts of J&K," J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president Tariq Hameed Karra said.

CPI(M) leader M.Y. Tarigami said August 5 was the darkest day in Indian history, "an attack on our identity and our constitutional relationship with India". "We will continue our peaceful struggle for justice, rights, and dignity," he said.

Meanwhile, the BJP held special functions across the Union Territory to celebrate August 5.

Separately, PDP leader Iltija Mufti alleged that the BJP was the only party that was allowed to hold functions in J&K.

SC to hear plea on non-restoration of J&K Statehood

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to list on August 8 an application questioning the non-restoration of Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir despite an assurance made on behalf of the Centre to the court. The applicants argued that the lack of restoration of Statehood in a time-bound manner amounted to a violation of federalism.

UPSC plans to send recruitment alerts to institutions via email

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

UPSC recruits to fill Group A and Group B gazetted posts.

In a first, the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) will alert educational and professional institutions to recruitment advertisements as many vacancies remained unfulfilled due to lack of information among jobseekers.

The UPSC does the recruitment to fill Group A and Group B gazetted posts in the Ministries and departments of the Government of India and conducts regular examinations. Depending on the nature of duties, these recruitments require essential qualifications of educational and experience criteria.

UPSC Chairman Ajay Kumar said, "Apart from our regular examinations, UPSC receives recruitment requests from various Ministries and departments for various government positions.

To streamline and expedite the process, we are ensuring that the requests are received well in advance within a three-month window, from January to March, so that the process is planned in a better manner by clubbing similar recruitment cases and holding their common tests to complete the recruitment drive in a time-bound manner." "In the past, some disparities were observed in the number of applications we receive for different posts. During the scrutiny of cases, sometimes, the case becomes infructuous as no suitable applicant meeting the Recruitment Rules criteria is found," Mr. Kumar said.

"Sometimes the posts remained vacant or became infructuous during the interview stage as suitable candidates are not found. In order to address these issues, we are rolling out new outreach measures... it is planned to send email alerts/updates to relevant institutions and organisations."

Email alerts would be sent to universities, institutions, associations, professional and recognised bodies, and other institutions can also request the information by writing to *ra-upsc@gov.in*.

Ayush Ministry and FSSAI release a list of 'Ayurveda *Aahara*' food preparations

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), in consultation with the Ayush Ministry, has released a list of Ayurvedic food preparations under the category of Ayurveda *Aahara*.

Ayurveda *Aahara* refers to foods developed according to Ayurvedic dietary guidelines, focusing on balance, seasonal suitability, and natural ingredients and herbs with therapeutic benefits.

With rising public interest in preventive health and sustainable living, Ayurveda *Aahara* is viewed as a trusted nutritional choice that combines tradition with modern dietary habits, noted a release issued by the Ministry.

Ayurvedic food is viewed as a trusted choice that combines modern dietary habits with tradition

"This move will bring India's traditional food wisdom into the mainstream, following the introduction of the Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations in 2022. These regulations recognise foods based on recipes, ingredients, and processes from authoritative Ayurvedic texts, and the new list brings clarity and confidence to consumers and businesses alike," explained an Ayush Ministry official, adding that the list, issued under Note (1) of Schedule B of the regulations, draws directly from classical Ayurvedic texts listed in Schedule A.

To facilitate future additions, FSSAI has established a process for FBOs to request inclusion of additional Category A products not yet listed and such requests need supporting references from authoritative texts in Schedule A.

Prataprao Jadhav, Minister of State for Ayush and Health & Family Welfare, urged citizens to incorporate Ayurveda *Aahara* into their daily lives to experience its long-term health benefits.

Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ayush Ministry, stated that the release of the list of Ayurveda *Aahara* aligns India's traditional knowledge systems with modern regulatory frameworks.

DMK MP urges India to take lead role in Geneva plastic talks

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Ahead of the Plastics Treaty Negotiations, which began in Geneva on Tuesday, DMK MP Thamizhachi Thangapandian submitted a memorandum to Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav on Monday, exhorting that India play a "lead role" in advocating a "robust, time bound and enforceable agreement" to address the full life cycle of plastic.

Ms. Thangapandian expressed her position on behalf of the Inter-Parliamentary Coalition to End Plastic Pollution. This is a collective of parliamentarians from about 30 countries who are pushing for stronger action from member states on addressing plastic pollution. Their position doesn't necessarily converge with their countries' current stance at the Plastics Treaty negotiations, formally called the International Negotiations Committee meeting.

Since 2022, when the United Nations Environment Assembly adopted a mandate to create the world's first Plastics Treaty, 190 member-countries have been negotiating ways to end dependence on plastic and eliminating plastic waste.

While countries are all agreed in principle, there are sharp differences on the approach to this. Some insist on a cap on production, others aver that improving plastic waste recycling is adequate; yet others say that developed countries must pay developing countries for the costs of transitioning to a non-plastic economy.

Allahabad HC judge 'cut a sorry figure for himself, made mockery of justice': SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has passed a scathing order reprimanding an Allahabad High Court judge, choosing to name him while saying that he not only "cut a sorry figure for himself but has made a mockery of justice".

The court recorded that the judge in question, Justice Prashant Kumar, found nothing wrong in a litigant filing a criminal case against a buyer in a purely civil dispute over an unpaid balance of money in a sale transaction.

"We are at our wits' end to understand what is wrong with the Indian judiciary at the level of the High Court. At times, we are left wondering whether such orders are passed

on some extraneous considerations or it is sheer ignorance of law. Whatever it be, passing of such absurd and erroneous orders is something unpardonable," a Bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan wrote in a 19-page order dictated in open court on August 4. In fact, the Bench said the High Court judge had found that registering a criminal case for "criminal breach of trust" would be a quicker way to get the unpaid balance.

"The judge has gone to the extent of saying that asking the complainant to pursue civil remedy for the purpose of recovery of the balance amount will be very unreasonable as civil suit may take a long time... It was expected of the High Court to know that in cases of civil dispute a complainant cannot be permitted to resort to criminal proceedings as the same would amount to abuse of process," the Supreme Court noted.

Justice Pardiwala, the lead judge on the top court Bench, asked how the ingredients of the offence of 'criminal breach of trust' would apply to a sale transaction.

"Mere transaction of sale cannot amount to an entrustment," the top court explained.

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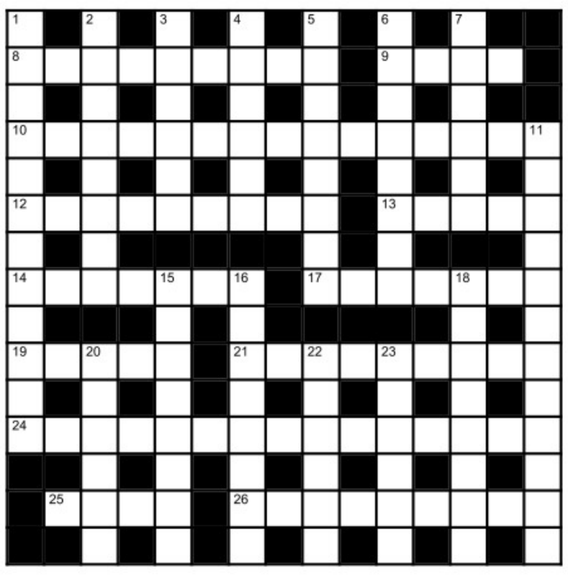

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9 Metallic gold hinges in clips (4)
10 Toper crew's most wasted Australian chaps? (3-3,9)
12 Denounces case charging former partners (9)
13 Matter remains on appeal (5)
14 Faint impression of connection with line in the middle (7)
17 Roving swindler back to snare enthusiastic one (7)
19 Drop dead with desire (5)
21 Bones from a fish piercing rounded object (9)
24 Chopping rule to pound raw meat blend (11,4)
25 Month to be idle (4)
26 One referred to habit inspired by adult education, in short, turning point (9)

Down

1 Become frightened when it mysteriously died in wake (3,3,4,2)
2 Style of jumper once, almost polka dancing (4,4)
3 Odd time for speaker's talk (6)
4 Some service tips in table tennis to gain edge (3,3)
5 Timber in ship second to none, not wanting ordinary sort at sea (8)
6 Supplement section from affidavit, am in memorandum (7,1)
7 Babies raised and left end up with rich relatives (12)
11 Wretched holes? Very! (6)
15 Hellish stink in void (8)
16 New parts matched in design blow a gasket (2,6)
18 Rodent lifting its front half before creative inspiration takes over (8)
20 Slip under cot ultimately in dread (6)
22 Tax nets close in (6)
23 Agencies united in specific situations (6)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Moksha in Kali yuga easy

There are four yugas – Krita, Treta, Dwapara and Kali. Of these, Kali yuga has earned the reputation of being a not so good yuga to live in. But Kali yuga has a huge advantage. It is easier to attain mukti in Kali yuga than in any of the other yugas, said Velukkudi Krishnan in a discourse. The process of attaining moksha has been simplified for Kali yuga. Then we may ask if this is fair. How can things be made simpler in one yuga? A person with a capacity to achieve something does not need much help. But a person who faces drawbacks in life needs a helping hand.

In Krita yuga, a person's lifespan was several thousand years. So, there was a lot of time available in which he could work towards moksha. With good food, clean water and unpolluted air available, people were healthier in Krita yuga. In Kali yuga, a person's lifespan is on average not more than 80 or 85 years. Besides, people are not as healthy in Kali yuga as they were in the other yugas. So, naturally, Bhagavan had to make it easier for those born in Kali yuga to attain mukti. In Krita yuga, it took hundred years of dedication to attain liberation. To reach the same goal, it took just 10 years in Treta yuga. In Dwapara yuga just a year was needed. In Kali yuga just a day is needed for a person to attain moksha. Those in past yugas were blessed with favourable conditions for their spiritual endeavours. So, it was not necessary to give them easy options to attain moksha. The people of Kali yuga need some concessions to break free from the samsaric cycle. Lord Narayana, the merciful One, has, therefore, made it easier for people in Kali yuga to reach His lotus feet. He is aware of our limitations and guides us accordingly.

INBRIEF

Rajiv Anand appointed MD and CEO of IndusInd Bank

IndusInd International Holdings Ltd. (IIHL), the holding company of IndusInd Bank, has appointed Rajiv Anand as the Managing Director and CEO of the bank, according to a statement from the company's Chairman Ashok Hinduja. The former CEO Sumant Kathpalia along with the Deputy CEO had stepped down from their positions after accounting lapses were found in the derivatives department, cutting net profit by ₹1959.98 crore in the quarter ended March 31.

Ant Financial exits Paytm; sells 5.84% stake for ₹3,803 cr.

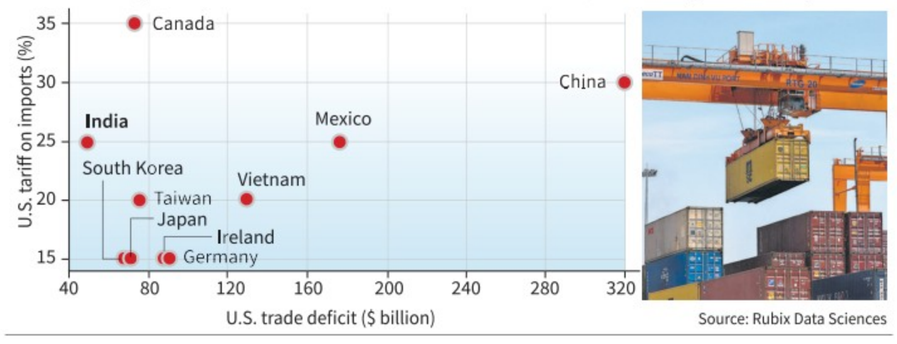
Billionaire Jack Ma's Ant Financial on Tuesday exited One97 Communications, the parent company of Paytm, by selling its entire 5.84% stake for around ₹3,803 crore. Following the stake sale, shares of One97 Communications fell 1.45% to ₹1,062.60 apiece on the NSE, while the scrip of the company went lower by 1.23% to ₹1,065 on the BSE. Ant Group, through its affiliate Antfin (Netherlands) Holding BV, has offloaded shares of Noida-based One97 Communications.

Bank of Baroda unveils digital forex platform bob FxOne

Bank of Baroda has announced the launch of bob FxOne, a digital foreign exchange platform designed for the bank's corporate and MSME customers. "bob FxOne empowers customers to seamlessly execute forex and derivative transactions with real-time live rates, instant confirmations, downloadable deal tickets and a personalised dashboard with alerts, in a secure, user-friendly and cost-effective manner," Bank of Baroda said in a statement.

'U.S. trade deficit with nine countries higher than that of India'

The only two countries with which the U.S. has higher deficits than India and also levies a higher import tariff are China (30%) and Canada (35%)



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NEW DELHI

The U.S. has levied the third-highest tariff on India among the top 10 countries with which it has the highest trade deficits, an analysis has revealed. In other words, while the U.S. has a higher trade deficit with nine other countries than with India, it has levied higher tariffs on just two – China and Canada.

This comes against the backdrop of the Ministry of External Affairs saying that Mr. Trump's targeting of India is "unjustified and unreasonable".

An analysis by Rubix Data Sciences, a risk management and monitoring company, shows that the U.S. had a $49.5 billion trade deficit with India in 2024, the 10th highest among all its trading partners. However, the U.S. has levied a tariff of 25% "plus penalties" on imports from India, the third-highest among these countries.

For example, the U.S. had a trade deficit of $175.9 billion with Mexico in 2024 – 3.5 times that with India – but has levied the same 25% tariff on that country.

Similarly, the U.S. had higher trade deficits with Vietnam ($129.4 billion), Germany ($87.9 billion), Ireland ($87.2 billion), Taiwan ($76.4 billion), Japan ($72.3 billion), and South Korea ($69.9 billion) than with India, but levies lower tariffs on those countries than it does on India.

The only two countries with which the U.S. has higher deficits than with India and also levies a higher import tariff are China (30%) and Canada (35%).

On India's purchase of oil from Russia, Mr. Trump on Monday said that "they (India) don't care how many people in Ukraine are being killed by the Russian war machine".

However, data from the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air, which regularly tracks Russia's energy exports, show that the EU was the largest buyer of Russian liquified natural gas (LNG), accounting for 51% of Russia's exports of these products between December 2022 and June 2025, followed by China (21%) and Japan (18%). Even when it comes to pipeline gas, the EU was the largest buyer of Russian gas, purchasing 37% of Russia's exports, followed by China (30%) and Turkiye (27%).

China bought 47% of Russia's crude exports during this period, followed by India (38%), the EU (6%), and Turkiye (6%).

DBT helped deactivate 4.08 cr. fake, inactive LPG connections: Puri

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

All domestic LPG cylinders are sold at non-subsidised prices.

The Direct Benefit Transfer of LPG (DBTL) of the Centre, under which domestic cooking gas subsidy is paid into the bank account of consumers has helped block, suspend or deactivate 4.08 crore duplicate, fake/non-existent or inactive liquefied petroleum gas connections.

The DBTL or PAHAL scheme has played a crucial role in identifying and blocking 'ghost' accounts, multiple accounts, and inactive LPG connections, thus curbing diversion of subsidised LPG for commercial use, Petroleum Minister Hardeep S. Puri said in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha.

Sharing details as on July 1, 2025, the Minister said the scheme, whose implementation began in January 2015, has contributed to transparent and effective disbursal of subsidies across the country.

Besides the scheme, other initiatives like Aadhaar-based verification, biometric authentication and the weeding out of ineligible or duplicate connections resulted in significantly strengthening the system of transfer of targeted subsidies.

All domestic LPG cylinders are sold at non-subsidised prices and the subsidy transferred directly to the respective bank accounts under the DBTL scheme, he said.

The government has also introduced a Common LPG Database Platform (CLDP) through which duplicate connections are identified and removed from the database.

Deduplication is carried out using Aadhaar number, bank account details, AHL TIN number, ration card details, name, and address as key parameters. Aadhaar-based authentication for DBT schemes enables accurate, real-time and cost-effective identification, authentication and de-duplication of beneficiaries, ensuring targeted delivery of benefits.

Public sector oil marketing companies have been advised to undertake and complete biometric Aadhaar authentication of PMUY and PAHAL beneficiaries.

As of July 1, biometric Aadhaar authentication has been completed for 67% of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries.

All new PMUY consumers have to undergo biometric authentication before release of connections, a release from the Ministry on Mr. Puri's reply said.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,710	-0.38
US Dollar	87.88	-0.25
Gold	98,820	0.81
Brent oil	67.26	-2.59

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2328.20	-35.40
Adani Ports	1358.10	-30.80
Apollo Hosp	7274.00	-34.00
Asian Paints	2436.80	-13.00
Axis Bank	1070.80	2.20
Bajaj Auto	8230.50	43.00
Bajaj Finserv	1939.40	5.80
Bajaj Finance	891.90	6.60
Bharat Elec	386.65	-2.90
Bharti Airtel	1931.80	17.20
Cipla	1499.80	-15.30
Coal India	379.50	4.80
Dr Reddys Lab	1214.80	-10.20
Eicher Motors	5681.00	60.00
Eternal Ltd.	302.15	-3.10
Grasim Ind	2797.20	9.40
HCL Tech	1482.70	8.30
HDFC Bank	1977.60	-14.40
HDFC Life	738.50	-1.30
Hero MotoCorp	4546.80	10.90
Hindalco	687.10	-0.60
Hind Unilever	2534.70	-9.00
ICICI Bank	1444.40	-18.80
IndusInd Bank	819.15	15.10
Infosys	1460.30	-20.20
ITC	414.15	-2.70
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	332.85	-1.05
JSW Steel	1053.40	-2.50
Kotak Bank	2003.00	6.00
L&T	3652.60	21.50
M&M	3212.20	12.00
Maruti Suzuki	12537.00	172.00
NestleIndia	2267.30	-10.10
NTPC	333.60	1.60
ONGC	234.48	-0.35
PowerGrid Corp	286.00	-1.95
Reliance Ind	1391.70	-19.80
SBI Life	1857.00	25.50
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Tata Steel	159.62	0.06
TCS	3063.90	-10.50
Tech Mahindra	1485.40	10.40
Titan	3418.20	61.90
Trent Ltd.	5317.50	68.50
UltraTech Cement	12298.00	41.00
Wipro	245.91	-0.14

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 05

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	87.00	87.92
Euro	101.02	101.39
British Pound	116.28	116.70
Japanese Yen (100)	59.31	59.53
Chinese Yuan	12.19	12.23
Swiss Franc	108.13	108.53
Singapore Dollar	67.95	68.21
Canadian Dollar	63.50	63.74
Malaysian Ringitt	20.70	20.81
Australian Dollar	56.62	56.83

Source:Indian Bank

Bharti Q1 net surges 43% to ₹5,948 crore on tariff rise

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Bharti Airtel Ltd. clocked a consolidated revenue of ₹49,463 crore in Q1 FY 2025-26, a growth of 28.5% year-on-year. Net profit surged 43% to ₹5,948 crore which CEO Gopal Vittal credited to 'greater realisation' of the tariff increases put in place in January.

Those increases have given the company an average revenue per user of ₹250 a month against ₹211 in Q1 2024-25.

Mr. Vittal said in a statement the growth was also attributable to "portfolio premiumisation," or leveraging higher-paying customers. "40% of customers contribute 80% of revenue," Mr. Vittal added.

'NBFC AUM's FY26 growth may soften as banks cut funding'

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Non Banking Finance Corporations' (NBFC) assets under management (AUM) growth may soften to 18.5% in FY26 from 25% in FY25 after bank funding to the sector reduced even as the RBI normalised risk weights, credit rating agency India Ratings said.

"Ind-Ra has maintained a neutral sector outlook for NBFCs and stable rating outlook for FY26. Ability of lenders to get funding for growth will depend on asset quality progress in 2HFY26, especially for lenders in the unsecured segment," said Karan Gupta, head and director, financial institutions at Ind-Ra.

NBFCs turned more cautious in lending as they are concerned about asset quality, especially in microfinance and unsecured business loans, Ind Ra said, adding it expects higher-rated NBFCs to rely on capital market funding and operate in areas with limited competition from banks for higher margins.

The 100-basis-point (bps) cut in repo rate led to 10-year government bond yields drop by 50 bps to 6.3% in mid-2025 resulting in lower borrowing costs for higher-rated NBFCs.

It said unsecured business loans and microfinance will face asset-quality stress and repayment behaviour of property loans may be volatile.

IRDAI fines Policybazaar ₹50 million for 'lapses'

Reuters

India's insurance regulator fined PB Fintech's online insurance aggregator arm, Policybazaar, ₹50 million for regulatory lapses, including directorships held by key managerial personnel, the firm said.

The regulator inspected Policybazaar in 2020, following which PB Fintech received a so-called show-cause notice in October 2024. After additional submissions and hearings, the IRDAI decided on the penalty on Monday, PB Fintech said.

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) identified violations related to tagging of policies and premium remittance.

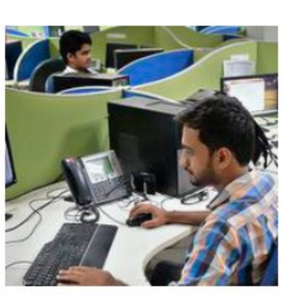
Services PMI stood at 11-month high in July on strong demand

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Activity in India's services sector stood at a 11-month high in July 2025 driven by strong demand, according to a private sector survey.

The HSBC India Services PMI Business Activity Index increased marginally to 60.5 in July from 60.4 in June. Where a score of below 50 denotes a contraction in activity, one above 50 shows an expansion.

The relatively high score in July, thus, "signalled another sharp increase in output," the report said.


PMI shows sharp hike in output.

This is the highest score the index achieved since August 2024. "Sustained increase in new business intakes were identified by survey members as the main aspect behind output growth," it added.

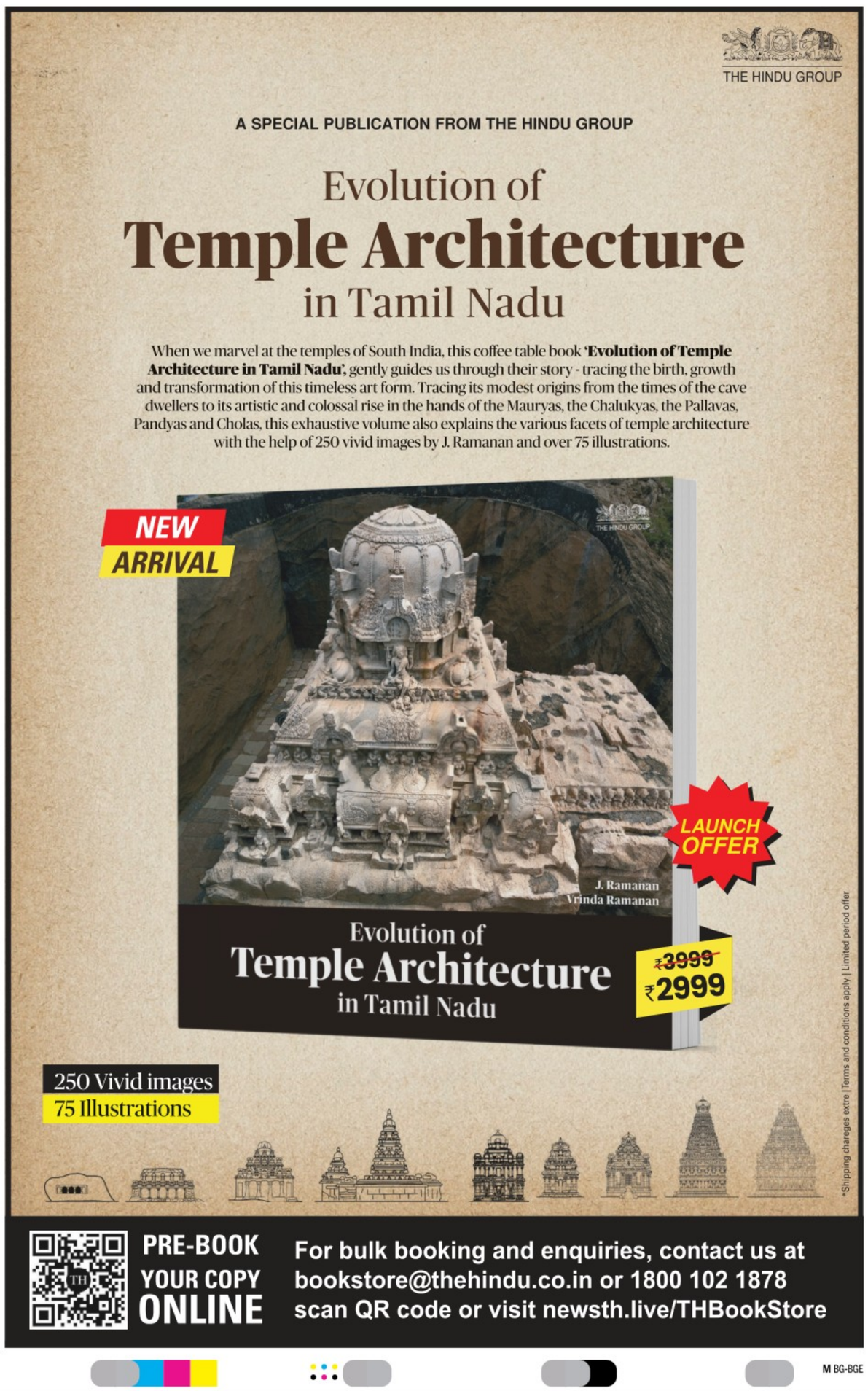
'India lucky to have steady growth at a transformative time'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Geopolitics, geoeconomics and geotechnology are changing the world order and impacting businesses and economies globally, said Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Electronics and Information Technology.

During this transformative period, India was fortunate to have a steady growth, he said while speaking to SAP Labs' leadership and staff at the German tech firm's newly-set up Innovation Park on the city's outskirts. SAP Labs invested €194 million to set up the facility which is expected to create 15,000 jobs for AI innovators. The campus is envisioned as an innovation and R&D hub for India and the Asia-Pacific region.

Ashwini Vaishnaw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BRUSSELS

EU suspends tariff retaliation after striking a trade deal with Trump

AFP

The EU announced the suspension on Tuesday of its retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods worth $107 billion after Brussels struck a deal with Washington last month. “The commission adopted necessary procedures to suspend the implementation of countermeasures, due to kick in on August 7,” EU trade spokesman Olof Gill said. AFP

KIGALI

Rwanda to ‘accept up to 250 migrants’ from U.S. as part of deal

AP

Rwanda said on Tuesday it would accept up to 250 migrants from the U.S. under a deal agreed with Washington. The U.S. has been pushing a deportation drive, with Donald Trump’s administration negotiating controversial arrangements to send people to third countries, among them South Sudan and Eswatini. AFP

BANGKOK

Thailand approves $600-million deal for Swedish fighter aircraft

PTI

Thailand approved the purchase of four Swedish-made Gripen fighter jets on Tuesday, a week after reaching a ceasefire in deadly border clashes with Cambodia. The $600 million agreement for the Saab JAS 39 Gripens was first announced in June as part of a long-term plan to modernise the air force's combat capabilities. AFP

MOSCOW

Russian Army seizes new village in Ukraine’s Dnipropetrovsk region

REUTERS

Russia said its Army had seized a new village in Ukraine’s central Dnipropetrovsk region, accelerating its claimed advance into the key industrial area. Kyiv has in the past week denied any Russian presence in Dnipropetrovsk. However, Russia’s Defence Ministry said on Tuesday that its forces had captured Sichneve. AFP

Yunus vows constitutional status for 2024 uprising in ‘July Declaration’

Bangladesh Chief Adviser slams former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for turning the country into a ‘mafia state’; he vows to write to the Election Commission to organise national polls in February 2026; Awami League criticises the Declaration

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

The student-people uprising of 2024 that overthrew the Sheikh Hasina-led government of Bangladesh will get “constitutional recognition”, said the July Declaration that was launched by Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus on Tuesday in Dhaka.

The Declaration, launched on the anniversary of the fall of the Hasina government, blamed the Awami League for creating a one-party state in Bangladesh after 1971 and said the party was

Course reset: Bangladeshis celebrate at an event organised by the interim government in Dhaka on Tuesday. AFP

“loyal to external forces”.

In a statement sent to *The Hindu*, the Awami League hit back at the interim government and said the Declaration did not offer anything to the “protesting job seekers” of Bangladesh.

“Therefore, the people of Bangladesh express their desire that the student-people uprising of 2024 will get proper state and constitutional recognition and that the July declaration will feature in the schedule of the reformed constitution as framed by the government formed through the next national election,” said the Declaration.

The document started by paying tribute to the Liberation War of 1971 while avoiding any mention of founding figure of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The Declaration, presented by Mr. Yunus at a public event held on parliament premises, stated, “...during the rule of Sheikh Hasina, an extreme force that was anti-people, autocratic and against human rights turned Bangladesh into a fascist, mafia and failed state and thereby tarnished Bangladesh’s international image.”

In a televised speech later in the evening, Mr. Yunus said he will write to the Election Commission to organise election in February 2026. “All of you should pray so that we can progress towards creating a ‘New Bangladesh’ by conducting a smooth election,” Mr. Yunus said.

Brazil judge puts Bolsonaro under house arrest for breaking social media ban

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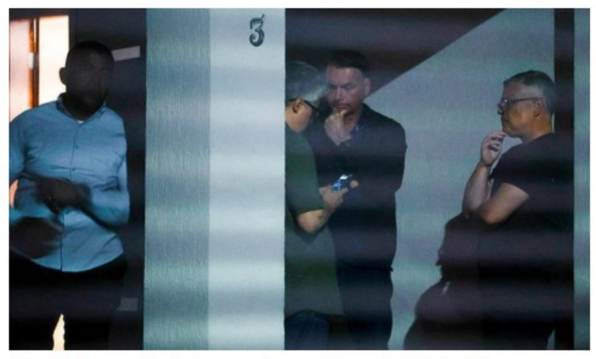

Tough times: Jair Bolsonaro (second from right) at his home in Brasilia on Monday after being placed in house arrest. REUTERS

A Brazilian judge on Monday placed former President Jair Bolsonaro under house arrest for breaking a social media ban, escalating a dramatic stand-off between the court and the politician, who is accused of plotting a coup.

Mr. Bolsonaro is on trial at the Supreme Court for allegedly plotting to cling onto power after losing the 2022 elections to President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

U.S. President Donald Trump has sought to punish Brazil, a long-time U.S. ally, for what he sees as a politically motivated “witch hunt” targeting Mr. Bolsonaro by imposing eye-watering tariffs on Latin America’s biggest economy.

The 70-year-old Mr. Bolsonaro is banned from social media for the duration of the proceedings, and third parties are barred from sharing his public remarks.

But on Sunday, his allies defied the order by sharing footage online of a call between the former Army captain and his eldest son Flavio at a solidarity rally in Rio de Janeiro.

Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes reacted furiously, declaring that the judiciary would not allow a defendant to “treat it like a fool” because of his “political and economic power.”

Criticising Mr. Bolsonaro’s “repeated failure” to comply with the court’s restrictions on him during the trial, he placed him under house arrest at his home in the capital Brasilia.

He also barred the country’s former leader (2019-2022) from receiving visitors, apart from his lawyers, and from using mobile phones, and warned that any new transgression would lead to him being detained.

Several mobile phones were seized at his home on Monday, the police said.

Washington condemned the new restrictions on Monday night, with the State Department’s Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs issuing a statement on X.

“Minister Alexandre de Moraes, already sanctioned by the United States for human rights violations, continues to use Brazilian institutions to silence the opposition and threaten democracy,” the bureau posted. “Let Bolsonaro speak!”

U.S. officials added that they would “hold accountable all those who collaborate with or facilitate sanctioned conduct.”

The U.S. post was reshared by Mr. Bolsonaro’s politician son Eduardo Bolsonaro, who had successfully lobbied Washington to take punitive action against Brazil over the case.

In a separate post, he wrote: “Brazil is no longer a democracy.”

Israel to partially reopen Gaza private goods trade

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israel will partially reopen private sector trade with Gaza to reduce its reliance on humanitarian aid, the Defence Ministry civil affairs agency for the Palestinian territories said on Tuesday.

“As part of formulating the mechanism, a limited number of local merchants were approved by the defence establishment, subject to several criteria and strict security screening,” COGAT said.

The COGAT statement said private sector deliveries would be paid for by monitored bank transfers and be subject to inspections by the Israeli military before entering Gaza, “to prevent the involvement of the Hamas terrorist organisation”. Permitted goods under the new mechanism will include food staples, fruit, vegetables, baby formula and hygiene products, COGAT said.

Israel kills 26 Gazans

Meanwhile, Gaza’s civil defence agency said 26 people were killed by Israeli gunfire and air strikes on Tuesday, including 14 who were waiting near an aid distribution site inside the Palestinian territory.

Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Tuesday that the Army must “complete” the defeat of Hamas in Gaza to secure the release of hostages, ahead of an expected meeting with security chiefs on an updated war plan. “It is necessary to complete the defeat of the enemy in Gaza, to free all our hostages and to ensure that Gaza will no longer pose a threat to Israel,” Mr. Netanyahu said.

Israeli media reported that the premier was expected to sit down in Jerusalem later on Tuesday with the chief of staff and the Defence Minister, and that Mr. Netanyahu was considering ordering the total occupation of the Palestinian territory.

Over 500 held as Imran’s party organises nationwide protests seeking his release

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD/LAHORE

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party on Tuesday organised protest rallies in different parts of the country, demanding the release of former Prime Minister Imran Khan, who was arrested two years ago on corruption charges.

The party claimed that its more than 500 workers and supporters who took to the streets were arrested by police, mostly in Punjab province.

Mr. Khan, 72, was arrested on August 5, 2023, from his residence in Lahore after being convicted by a court in a corruption case. He has been incarcerated since his arrest due to conviction in other cases, and is being held at the Adiala Jail, Rawalpindi.

The call for the protest was given by Mr. Khan. His party claimed that supporters of the jailed leader responded by coming out in big numbers.

“Today, August 5, marks the second anniversary of the incarceration of former Prime Minister Imran Khan with all basic human

Leader’s cause: Supporters of Imran Khan’s PTI party take part in a rally in Hyderabad in Pakistan on Tuesday. AP

rights revoked, no or very limited access to his legal team or family, no access to his political leadership other than a couple of people now and then,” senior party leader Zulfi Bokhari said.

Mr. Bukhari, who is the spokesperson of Mr. Khan for international relations as well as international media, said the government has imposed a ban on gatherings, blocking main highways, wrecking cars with party flags and raiding the residences of active party leaders and workers.

“Over 500 PTI leaders and workers have been arrested so far in Punjab alone, mostly from Lahore, including several lawmakers,” he said.

“The protesters will continue to demonstrate peacefully till the end of the day. However, the government seems weak in the knees, despite being in power,” he said.

According to Mr. Khan’s party, most arrests were made in Lahore. The police in Punjab province, which is ruled by the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, arrested PTI supporters for allegedly violating Section 144, which bans the assembly of four or more persons.

Australia to buy advanced warships from Japan

Agence France-Presse
SYDNEY

Australia will upgrade its Navy with 11 Mogami-class frigates built by Japan’s Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Defence Minister Richard Marles said on Tuesday.

Billed as one of Japan’s biggest defence export deals since the Second World War, Australia will pay $ 6 billion (Aus$ 10 billion) over the next 10 years to acquire the fleet of stealth frigates.

Australia is in the midst of a major military restructure, bolstering its Navy with long-range firepower in an effort to deter China. It is striving to expand its fleet of major warships from 11 to 26 over the next decade.

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries was awarded the tender over Germany’s ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems.

Mogami-class warships are advanced stealth frigates equipped with a potent array of weapons. Mr. Marles said they would replace Australia’s ageing Anzac-class vessels, with the first Mogami-class ship to be on the water by 2030.

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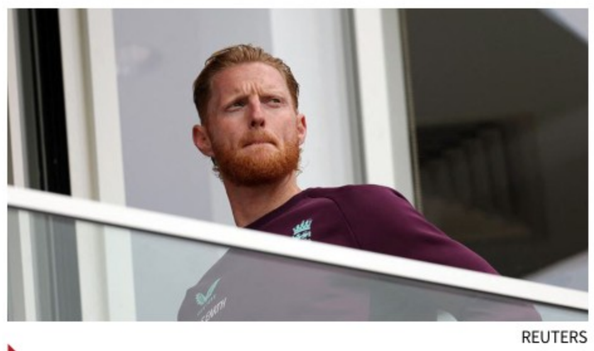
Washington is the 'Impact Player' in Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy

PTI

Washington Sundar was named by the Indian team as its 'Impact Player' in the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy. Ravindra Jadeja announced the winner in a dressing room ceremony after The Oval Test. Washington scored 284 runs at 47.33, including a fifty and a ton from four Tests. He also scalped seven at an average of 38.57.

KEY MAN

England sorely missed Stokes in the final Test, says Vaughan



REUTERS

Former captain Michael Vaughan felt England panicked on the final day of the fifth Test against India in the absence of skipper Ben Stokes. "Stokes in that team, England would've won this Test. He plays such a big role in this team, the mentality... England did panic [on the fifth morning]," Vaughan told *BBC's Test Match Special.*

INSPIRATIONAL

'Missed Jassi *bhai*, had he been there it would have been special'

PTI

Mohammed Siraj said he sorely missed Jasprit Bumrah's presence in his hour of glory during India's victory in the fifth Test against England."I miss Jassi *bhai* because had he been there, it would have been special. I believe in Jassi bhai and myself," said an emotional Siraj in a video posted by BCCI.

PURE SKILL

Siraj's movement with the old ball proved the difference, says Carey

REUTERS

Australia wicketkeeper Alex Carey termed India's win over England in the fifth Test "spectacular". He felt that Mohammed Siraj's ability to get the old ball to swing made the difference on the final morning. "We saw Siraj bowl that first over [on day 5], and there was quite a bit of movement with a 77-over old ball".

Gill's young guns show plenty of fight and character

The skipper leads from the front with his stupendous batting; Siraj bowls his heart out and inspires the others, especially in Bumrah's absence; Rahul, Jaiswal, Jadeja and Washington pull their weight

INDIA IN ENGLAND

Shayan Acharya
LONDON

Not many had pinned hopes on India when the team landed in England for the five-match Test series a couple of months ago. With Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma moving on from the format, the team certainly lacked experience. Under Shubman Gill, the onus was on the youngsters to step up.

For most of the players, it was their maiden, or second, tour of England, and there were apprehension about how they would adapt to the conditions, handle the pressure and deliver.

Doubts

Of course, there were doubts about the bowling unit, too. As it was decided well in advance that Jasprit Bumrah would play just three games in the series, there were questions about whether Indian fast bowlers, sans Bumrah, had the ability to claim 20 wickets?

But as they say, cricket stops for no one. This England tour once again proved that.

Safe hands

A rather inexperienced team coming from behind to draw the inaugural edition of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy 2-2 also proved that the future of Indian cricket is in safe hands. Coming on the back of two consecutive Test series defeats – to New Zealand at home and at the hands of Australia away – the pressure was mounting on the team.

But, Gill led from the front and went on to score 754 runs in 10 innings to give the Indian batting lineup the much-needed stability. He had initial troubles with the incoming ball, but the elegant player made a few adjustments to his batting and ended the tour with four centuries, including a double ton.

And, as Gill led by example, it came as a motivation to his teammates, too.

Yashasvi Jaiswal got off to a brilliant start. The left-hander set the tone before going through a lull. However, he came good in the crucial final Test with a century. K.L. Rahul looked solid at the top of the order, and then, there were Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar who ensured that the middle-order was taken care of. India managed to stay alive in the series, courtesy Washington and Jadeja's battling hundreds at Old Trafford in the fourth Test.

As captain Gill said, it was a 'team effort'.

In the absence of Bumrah, Siraj operated tirelessly. He bowled 185.3 overs in the series – 1,113 deliveries to be specific – and finished as the top wicket-taker with 23 scalps. He inspired his new-ball partners – Akash Deep and Prasidh Krishna – and tested the England batters throughout.

Siraj bowled his heart out and wore his heart on his sleeve. It was a similar story with Rishabh Pant too as he braved a broken foot to take his side to a fighting total in the first innings of the Old Trafford Test.

Those moments defined the team.

Bizarre decisions

Of course, there were some bizarre decisions. Benching a wrist-spinner of Kuldeep Yadav's calibre wasn't ideal. One also got to feel for Abhimanyu Easwaran and Arshdeep Singh.

But, in the end, as India tied a Test series in the Old Blighty for the second successive time, all that took a back seat.

Day	Headingley (First Test)
1	India - 359/3 in 85 overs
2	India - 471 in 113 overs England - 209/3 in 49 overs
3	England - 450 in 94.3 overs India - 90/2 in 23.5 overs
4	India - 364 in 96 overs England - 21/0 in six overs
5	England - 373/5 in 82 overs

England won by five wickets. PoM: Ben Duckett

Day	Edgbaston (Second)
6	India - 310/5 in 85 overs
7	India - 587 in 151 overs England - 77/3 in 20 overs
8	England - 407 in 89.3 overs India - 64/1 in 13 overs
9	India - 427/6 decl. in 83 overs England - 72/3 in 16 overs
10	England - 271 in 68.1 overs

India won by 336 runs. PoM: Shubman Gill

Day	Lord's (Third)
11	England - 251/4 in 83 overs
12	England - 387 in 112.3 overs India - 145/3 in 43 overs
13	India - 387 in 119.2 overs England - 2/0 in one over
14	England - 192 in 62.1 overs India - 58/4 in 17.4 overs
15	India - 170 in 74.5 overs

England won by 22 runs. PoM: Ben Stokes

Day	Old Trafford (Fourth)
16	India - 264/4 in 83 overs
17	India - 358 in 114.1 overs England - 225/2 in 46 overs
18	England - 544/7 in 135 overs
19	England - 669 in 157.1 overs India - 174/2 in 63 overs
20	India - 425/4 in 143 overs

Match drawn. PoM: Ben Stokes

Day	The Oval (Fifth)
21	India - 204/6 in 64 overs
22	India - 224 in 69.4 overs England - 247 in 51.2 overs India - 75/2 in 18 overs
23	India - 396 in 88 overs England - 50/1 in 13.5 overs
24	England - 339/6 in 76.2 overs
25	England - 367 in 85.1 overs

India won by six runs. PoM: Mohammed Siraj

Player-of-the-Series:
India: Shubman Gill; England: Harry Brook
Series drawn 2-2

Spirited display: Head coach Gambhir, right, and batting coach Kotak, left, will be delighted with the gumption shown by Siraj.
GETTY IMAGES

We can dominate cricket for long if we work hard: Gambhir

Press Trust of India
LONDON

India head coach Gautam Gambhir has emphasised on building a strong team culture comprising qualities of hard work and improvement, one that should attract players even with a change of personnel over time.

Gambhir conveyed his thoughts in a short dressing room speech after India secured a memorable 2-2 draw against England for the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy on Monday.

"The way this series has panned out, 2-2, is an outstanding result. Congratulations to everyone," Gambhir said in a video shared by the BCCI.

"Remember, we will keep getting better. We will keep working hard. We will keep improving our areas because if we keep doing that, we can dominate cricket for a very long time," the India head coach added.

"People will come and go, but the culture of the dressing room should always be like this, where people want to be a part of this culture. That is what we want to create," asserted Gambhir.

"Good luck, enjoy yourself.

"You can take a couple of days off, and you deserve every bit of it. What you guys have achieved, you have earned every bit of it," he added.

Sponsor mulls legal recourse if Messi's Argentina does not play in Kerala this year

FOOTBALL

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

The *Reporter Broadcasting Company*, Kerala Government's commercial partner for bringing the Argentina football team and its star Lionel Messi to the State, has said that it might be forced to take legal recourse if the World Cup champion does not play in October or November.

Reporter, the sponsor for the team's visit to Kerala, said it had paid the full amount of ₹130 crore to the Argentine Football Association (AFA) on June 6 this year as per the agreement signed in December 2024.

"As per the agreement, we had sent the full amount and they (AFA) also acknowledged it. But after five days, we received an email asking whether we are okay with having the match in September 2026," said Anto Augustine, managing director of *Reporter*, on Tuesday.

Cynosure of all eyes: World champion Argentina has a huge fan following in Kerala.
FILE PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

"That violates the terms of the agreement we have with the AFA. We are not okay with it. As per our agreement with the AFA, the deal was to have the match in October-November this year. They had even told us that the match can be held in October and we had fulfilled all the terms as per the agreement."

The next World Cup will be held in June-July 2026 in Canada, Mexico and the USA and Anto feels the scene could be very different after the quadrennial event.

"We are interested in having the match only this year, as per the agreed terms. If the agreement is not honoured, there will be huge financial loss. So we may have to handle this legally," he said.

Kerala Sports Minister V. Abdurahiman, who had announced that Argentina would play in Kerala in October, had told the media in Kozhikode on Monday that that the team would not visit Kerala this year.

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> Managing director, *Reporter Broadcasting Company*

The minister explained that the team had difficulties in visiting the State in October.

However, Anto felt it was not proper to announce that Messi and Argentina would not be coming to Kerala till the AFA officially declares that the team would not be playing in the State this year.

Kamei ensures Army's victory over Tribhuvan

DURAND CUP

Sports Bureau

Christopher Kamei's first-half goal secured Indian Army FT's 1-0 win over 10-man Tribhuvan Army FC of Nepal in a Group-C match of the 134th Durand Cup at the JRD Tata Sports Complex in Jamshedpur on Tuesday. Indian Army found the lead in the 21st minute as Kamei got on the end of a Wangden Tamang cross.

Reckless foul

Tribhuvan Army was reduced to 10 in the 29th minute as goalkeeper Bikash Kuthu was shown a straight red card for a reckless foul on forward Liton Shil. Indian Army with three points is second in the standings behind Jamshedpur (six points), while Tribhuvan Army finished its campaign with just one.

Consolation win

Malaysian Armed Forces ended on a high beating local challenger Rangdajied United FC 1-0 in a Group-E match at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong.

Nasir Yasa scored in the 67th minute to ensure a consolation win for the Malaysian side which lost its previous two matches.

Battling it out: Indian Army and Tribhuvan players vie for possession. X@THEDURANDCUP

The results:

Group-C (Jamshedpur): Indian Army FT 1 (Christopher Kamei 21) bt Tribhuvan Army FC 0.

Group-E (Shillong):

Malaysian Armed Forces FT 1 (Nasir Yasa 67) bt Rangdajied United FC 0.

INBRIEF

Djokovic withdraws from ATP Cincinnati Masters

Novak Djokovic withdrew on Monday from this week's ATP Cincinnati Masters, with the pullout coming a year to the day from his Paris Olympic gold medal victory. Tournament officials confirmed the news to *The Athletic*, meaning the Serb will have played no matches between his Wimbledon semifinal loss and the US Open start in three weeks.

Tigers thump Warriors in KSCA Maharani Trophy

Hubli Tigers whipped Mysore Warriors by nine wickets in the KSCA Maharani Trophy in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

The scores: Mysore Warriors 34 in 12.5 overs (Rameshwari Gayakwad 3/10, Priya Chavan 3/0, B.G. Tejashwini 4/4) lost to Hubli Tigers 38/1 in 3.5 overs.
Shivamogga Lioness 78/6 in 16.4 overs (Advika 42 n.o., Aditi Rajesh 3/16) drew with Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters. *Match called off due to rain.*

Karnataka wins sub-junior National swimming c'ships

Karnataka emerged as the overall champion in the 41st sub-junior National swimming championships, which concluded at the Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre in Bengaluru on Tuesday. Manipur took the runner-up spot. Koijam Athoiba Singh from Manipur was adjudged the 'Best Male Swimmer', while Purvi Ritesh Naik from Goa won the 'Best Female Swimmer' award.

LIVE TELECAST

Football: Durand Cup, Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 4 & 7 p.m.

Arjun will be the one to beat in a strong Masters field

The World No. 5 will strive to strike gold and earn crucial FIDE circuit points; Dutchman Giri, the second highest-rated player in the section, is expected to provide a strong challenge

Star-studded: Karthikeyan, Pranav, Nihal, Arjun, Keymer, Liang, Robson, Vidit, van Foreest, and Giri will battle it out over nine rounds for the top honours. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

CHESS

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CHENNAI

There's something about chess and Chennai. The land of the legendary Viswanathan Anand will see some of the world's best battle it out in the Quantbox Chennai Grandmasters tournament 2025 beginning here on Wednesday.

World No. 5 Arjun Erigaisi headlines a strong 10-player Masters field and will be the one to beat.

Anish Giri is the second highest-rated player in the section and the 10th-ranked Dutchman is expected to provide a strong challenge for the ₹25 lakh top prize.

The experienced Vidit Gujrathi, Karthikeyan Murali, Nihal Sarin and Pranav Venkatesh are the other Indians in the fray as the host players are expected to mount a strong challenge for the title.

Make an impression

World No. 21 Vincent Keymer from Germany will look to make an impression and take a huge step towards qualification for the Candidates tournament.

The American duo of Awonder Liang and Ray Robson and Giri's compatriot Jorden Van Foreest, all fine players in their own right, will hope to fight it out for top honours.

Keymer had remarked on Monday that with many young and ambitious players in the fray, he expected a lot of closely fought games.

Arjun, who missed out on making it to the Candidates event in 2024, would be keen to strike gold here and earn crucial FIDE circuit points.

Karthikeyan, who was promoted to the Masters category thanks to Vladimir Fedoseev's withdrawal, will fancy a few upsets.

In the Challengers event, IM G.B. Harshavardhan got a late call-up after Karthikeyan was moved to the Masters and would be testing out his wits against established names such as Pa. Iniyan, Abhimanyu Puranik, D. Harika and R. Vaishali. The Challengers' winner will book a spot in the Masters event next year.

First round pairings:

Masters: Pranav Venkatesh vs. Karthikeyan Murali, Vincent Keymer vs. Nihal Sarin, Anish Giri vs. Ray Robson, Vidit Gujrathi vs. Jorden van Foreest, Arjun Erigaisi vs. Awonder Liang.

Challengers: Leon Mendonca vs. G.B. Harshavardhan, Abhimanyu Puranik vs. B. Adhiban, R. Vaishali vs. Pa. Iniyan, D. Harika vs. Diptayan Ghosh, M. Pranesh vs. Aryan Chopra.

Nagal exits early in Bonn Challenger

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Sumit Nagal was beaten 7-6 (2), 6-3 by the seventh seed Jurij Rodionov of Austria in the first round of the €91,250 Challenger tennis tournament in Bonn, Germany.

The results:

€91,250 Challenger, Bonn, Germany: Singles (first round): Jurij Rodionov (Aut) bt Sumit Nagal 7-6(2), 6-3.

$30,000 ITF men, Bali, Indonesia:

Singles (first round): Sidharth Rawat bt Yusuke Kusuhara (Jpn) 6-1, 6-3; Leo Borg (Swe) bt Maan Kesharwani 6-2, 6-2; philip Sekulic (Aus) bt Atharva Sharma 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Patricio Alvarado (Ecu) & Koki Matsuda (Jpn) bt Sidharth Rawat & Dharmil Shah 6-1, 6-3;
Alexander Chang (USA) & Anthony Susanto (Ina) bt Atharva Sharma & Yash Yadav 7-6(2), 6-2; Yanki Erel (Tur) & Karan Singh bt Lucky Kurniawan & Renaldi Salim (Ina) 6-2, 6-2.
Pietro Mugelli (Ita) & Michael Zhu (USA) bt Ajay Malik & Caheer Warik 4-6, 6-4, [10-5].

$30,000 ITF men, Brazzaville, Congo: Singles (first round): Alexander Agirovsky (Blr) bt Chinmaya Dev Chauhan 6-2, 6-0; Stephane Kamendje (Can) bt Julappagari Reddy 7-5, 4-6, 6-1; Dev Javia bt Alexey Dubinin 6-1, 6-4.

Doubles (pre-quarterfinal): Rishikrishna Ayyappan & Darrshan Suresh (Mas) bt Kryce Kassa & Wolfgang Liyombi (Gab) 6-0, 6-3.

$15,000 ITF men, Singapore: Singles (first round): Bill Chan (Sgp) bt Manish Sureshkumar 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Luke Koh & Maximus Wong (Sgp) bt Rishabhdev Raman & Keerthivassan Suresh 6-4, 6-2.

$30,000 ITF women, Roehampton, Britain:

Singles (first round): Hannah Klugman (GBR) bt Ankita Raina 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Aglaya Fedorova & Daria Khomutsianskaya (Blr) bt Prathyusha Rachapudi & Anjali Rathi 6-4, 6-3.

India's here-and-now man Siraj ushers in the future

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

It is unlikely that Indian television will devise a 'Sirajcam', but it should. Since the retirement of Virat Kohli (and the so-called 'Kohlicam', seemingly focused exclusively on him), it is Siraj's face that screens in real time all the emotions he and his team go through. There is sorrow and joy, disappointment and anticipation, humour and anger (England players called him Mr. Angry), and sometimes a combination.

Watching him you know exactly how the team is doing. His shoulders never drop, he seldom cuts his speed, doesn't believe in saving it for the future. He is Indian cricket's here-and-now man, focused intensely on the present.

Yet even he didn't register immediately the enormity of what he had done when, with a yorker his hero Jasprit Bumrah would have been proud of, he flattened Gus Atkinson's off stump.

Changing emotion

For a split second the screen that was his face went blank before shock, disbelief, ecstasy chased each other across it. Then his expressive hands came into play, hands raised in thanksgiving, and signalling redemption at the Oval after he had messed up a catch the previous day.

In a series dominated by batting, his 23 wickets might have seen Siraj finish as the Player of the Series, but he will not cavil at the final choice, his captain Shubhman Gill. After all, Gill had been responsible for India's win at Edgbaston following the loss at Leeds, and had led the fight that culminated in a draw at Old Trafford to keep the series alive. Asked what he had learnt as captain, Gill articulated what might well be the team's motto: "We never give up".

Gill has deservedly slipped into the slot occupied by Kohli and Sachin Tendulkar before him.

The team is a productive mix of the established and the newbies who look up to the new captain. India return a better team than the one that landed in England, and you can't ask for more.

Ironically, India won twice without Bumrah's presence. His absence seems to motivate Siraj more. He enjoys the responsibility of being the lead fast bowler.

Key contributor

Seven wickets in Birmingham and nine at the Oval, 16 wickets in India's wins. Few supporting acts slide into the main role so easily.

Has there been a more thrilling five-Test series involving India? Both teams must contribute to the excitement, of course, and England did so in equal measure, Bazballing to the end, staying with their philosophy, keeping at it come rain or sunshine or Mohammed Siraj.

The dismissals of Harry Brook in the first innings and Jamie Smith in the second might have caused comment in other teams. But this is England. This is what they do.

Ben Stokes, the on-field instigator of bright, entertaining cricket may have been a spectator here, but stand-in skipper Ollie Pope, despite personal failures, went with the programme.

It's been a series of incredible cricket. One swing of the bat might have tied the final Test. As Siraj began his 31st over, the 86th of the innings, any of four results (although the draw might have needed the help of rain) was still possible.

The odds on England making it 3-1 had receded somewhat, but someone still needed to take the final wicket. Preferably one where the DRS was not involved! Siraj made sure of both.

There is time enough to discuss things that could have been better. Things that could have been avoided. From Gautam Gambhir's outburst and classist remarks to the rethink on Bumrah; from team selection to gaps yet to be filled.

It has to be celebration time now, a 2-2 finish a fair one. India did win most of the sessions of play overall even if they didn't quite win some key moments. None of that matters now. For a team in transition to draw a series in England is remarkable. It came down to one man taking three wickets on the final morning.

Siraj has explained how he googled the Cristiano Ronaldo emoji with 'Believe' (Ronaldo is with his arm raised and forefinger up rather like Siraj when he appeals for a wicket) to inspire him.

Next time Ronaldo feels low, he can google Mohammed Siraj who believed. And triumphed.

Seven medals assured for India in Asian boxing c'ships

Press Trust of India
BANGKOK

Indian boxers continued their march towards a significant medal count at the u-19 and u-22 Asian boxing championships with seven women pugilists assuring themselves of a podium finish here on Tuesday.

Competing in the u-19 category, Yakshika (51kg), Nisha (54kg), Muskan (57kg), Vini (60kg), Nisha (65kg), Akansha Phalaswal (70kg) and Aarti Kumari (75kg) reached the semifinals of their respective weight classes.

India is already assured of over a dozen medals in the u-22 category and the contingent will be looking to bag as many gold medals as possible.

Gritty India goes down to Jordan

Sports Bureau

India matched Jordan for most part and was tied at 80 in regulation time before falling apart in overtime to lose 84-91 in their opening Group-C match of the FIBA Asia Cup men's basketball championship in Jeddah on Tuesday. India next plays China on Thursday.

Jordan's forward Hashem Abbas scored two consecutive lay-ups to make it 86-80 from which India found it quite difficult to recover.

The scores: Jordan 91 (Hashem Abbas 24, Freddy Ibrahim 14, Dar Tucker 30) bt India 84 (Muthu Krishnan 14, Harsh Dagar 12, Muin Bek Hafeez 10, Pratyanshu Tomar 11, Pranav Prince 12).

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